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SPAIN.

A New Candidate for the Throne—Prince Augustus of Portugal—Colonial Minister Ad Interim.

MADRID, Sunday, May 23.

It is rumored that Prince AUGUSTUS of Portugal will be put forward as a candidate for the Spanish throne, and that negotiations are on foot for his marriage to a daughter of the Duke of MONTPENSIER.

Admiral TOPETE has been appointed Minister of the Colonies *ad interim*.

FRANCE

Presentation of Minister Washburne to the Emperor—Beginning of the Elections—The French Derby.

PARIS, Sunday, May 23.

Gen. DIX, the American Minister, to-day had an interview with the Emperor, at which he introduced Mr. WASHBURNE as his successor, and took formal leave of His Majesty. Mr. WASHBURNE then presented his credentials as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to France.

The general elections for members of the Corps Legislatif commenced to-day. The voting in the city progresses quietly, and reports from all parts of the country show that tranquility prevails.

The French Derby took place to-day. The grand prize of Paris was won by Count F. DE LAGRANGE's ch. c. *Consul*, by *Monarque*, out of *Lady Left*, beating *Sardaigne*, second, and *Pandour*, third. The betting at the start stood three to one against *Consul*, and five to one against *Sardaigne* and *Pandour*. Fourteen ran.

Wreck of an American Schooner at Marseilles.

MARSEILLES, Sunday, May 22.

The American schooner *Angelica* was abandoned at sea, and her crew were landed at this port.

CHINA.

The Persecution of Christians—End of the Difficulty.

LONDON, Sunday, May 23.

The difficulty with the Chinese Government, arising out of the persecution of the Christians in the North, has been settled. The latest dispatches from the British Legation at Pekin state that the Mandarin who countenanced the persecutions has been removed from office.

CUBA.

Reported Landing of Fillibusters—Fight on the Shore—Fighting Elsewhere—Heavy Losses on Both Sides.

HAVANA, Saturday, May 22, } and Key West, Sunday, May 23. }

Information has been received here of the landing of three hundred fillibusters near Gibara. There was an obstinate fight with the troops on the shore, in which the Spanish captured two cannon, and lost thirty-two men; and the insurgents lost eighty killed and wounded. The result is unknown.

Fighting is reported near Trinidad and Cienfuegos with heavy losses and appalling atrocities on both sides.

Remedios is in a state of anarchy. The insurgents are ubiquitous in that jurisdiction, and small bands of Spaniards and Cubans are engaged in mutual murder and robbery.

The Latest Reported Spanish Defeat—Dispatch from Cespedes to the Cubans at Washington—The Spanish Loss Set at 1,000—Severe Fighting Reported.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, May 23.

News has been received direct from CESPEDES, by Cubans in this city, confirming fully the defeat of the Spanish forces in attempting to open the railroad from Puevitas to Puerto Principe. The date and channel of receipt is kept private, for prudential reasons. The loss of the Spaniards is set down at about 1,000 in killed and wounded. The Cuban force is stated to have been 8,500 men under QUESADA, intrenched on the road, and the Spanish numbered about the same. The fighting was by far the severest which has taken place during the war. The battle was decided by the arrival of the Marquis of SANTA LUCIO with 4,000 men, a large number of wh m were mounted, but who, though very poorly armed, made a desperate and successful charge on the flank of the Spaniards. Of 800 colored troops a little over 400 shot their officers and went over to the Cubans. The remainder are neither with the insurgents nor the Spaniards, and are supposed to have taken to the woods. Al the baggage, provisions and ammunition of the Spaniards, carried in ten cars and dragged on the rails by oxen, together with the dead and the chief part of the wounded were abandoned to the Cubans, who after the battle advanced six miles to San Miguel, where they destroyed the barracks and quarters in sight of the retreating Spaniards. The loss of the Cubans is given at several hundred but the Cubans here ridicule the idea of its being equal to that of the enemy who attacked the intrenchments. A vessel, since returned to the United States, had a few days before landed arms and ammunition. The Spanish General LETONA is reported wounded, but whether in that action it is not said. CESPEDES and the insurgents feel confident of success.

HAVANA, Sunday, May 23.

The United States steamer *Yanic* has arrived from Hayti.

The Government has received no official dispatches announcing the landing o fillibusters on the island.

Fire at Hudson—Burning of the Hudson River Railroad Freight Depot.

HUDSON, N. J., Sunday, May 23.

The Hudson River Railroad freight building in this city took fire at 3 o'clock this morning and was entirely destroyed. The loss is about $10,000; insured for $3,000. The fire was the work of an incendiary. WM. E. SNYDER, freight agent, is the principal loser. Many others doing business with the railroad lose small amounts of freight.

Death of a California Pioneer—Managing Rain-storm—Sales of Mining Shares for the Week.

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, May 22.

GEORGE GORDON, a pioneer and prominent citizen of San Francisco, died yesterday.

It has rained for several days past throughout the entire coast, and it still continues. It is thought considerable damage will be done to the crops.

Mining shares during the week were irregular, closing a little off on most descriptions: Alpha, $3; Belcher, $21; Bullion, $20; Choller, $102; Confidence, $94; Crown Point, $65; Empire Mills, $79; Gould & Curry, $113; Hall & Norcross, $176; Imperial, $108; Kentuck, $22; Incidental, $22; Ophir, $84; Overman, $65; Savage, $105; Sierra Nevada, $61; Yellow Jacket, $73.

The Kickapoo Indians—Why they Refuse to go on to their Reservation—Their Hatred of Texans.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, May 23.

The Kickapoo Indians, who now live near Painted Rock Crossing, State of Chihuahua, Mexico, and are devastating the vast pastoral regions of Western Texas, went to that country from their reservation near Fort Scott, Kansas, in 1861, to avoid participation in the war of the rebellion. While on the way they were met near the line of Indian Territory by a force of Confederates under JACK BAYLOR, a cruel frontier fighter, who at one time recommended extermination as the true way of treating Indians. In this attack some of the principal men of the tribe, together with women and children, were killed. The majority of them finally reached Mexico, where they swore vengeance against all Texans, and ever since have been making raids into Texas, killing many whites and stealing horses. Major MOORE, of San Antonio, now in Washington, has just completed an extensive trip of several thousand miles through the regions infested by these savages, and ascertained that they are anxious to return to their people on the reservation in Kansas, or rather the new reservation in the Indian territory, set aside for them by a recent act of Congress. They, however, will not trust themselves in Texas without an escort of troops. Major MOORE, by appointment, had a conference with Commissioner PARKER yesterday, during which he laid matters fully before him, recommending that an officer be detached for the purpose of conferring with the Indians and arranging for their return. The Major showed that such a course would relieve the Texan frontier from great evils and possibly avert an expensive campaign. The Commissioner took the subject under consideration and stated he would also lay it before the Secretary of the Interior, and at the same time said he had no doubt action would immediately be taken provided the laws of Congress would permit.

WASHINGTON.

General Butler on the Alabama Claims Question—His Views in Regard to War with England—How He would have the Vexed Question Settled at Once—The New-York Post Office—The Question of Decorating the Graves of Confederate Dead.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, May 23.

General BUTLER left here to-night for his home in Massachusetts. In a conversation on the subject of our threatened complications with England, he expressed himself of the opinion that Great Britain could not, without endangering her very existence as a nation, enter into a war with the United States. While he holds that hostilities between the two countries are almost an impossibility, he is rather inclined to think that the United States would have more to gain than to lose in a contest of the kind. The struggle would necessarily be a naval one, "for," said he, "there are Irish enough in New-England to take Canada, in less time than it requires to talk about it." A maritime war is far less expensive than one on land, and there would be no occasion whatever for large and costly armies. There was dissatisfaction and discension in every part of the British dominions, which needed only a little fanning to make a devouring flame. But his principal argument in favor of a war was that it would stop the importations and do more for the encouragement of our home manufactures than all the legislation that could be framed in a quarter of a century. Mr. MOTLEY has gone to Europe, "but," said General BUTLER, "his instructions are simply to do nothing. The British will have to open negotiations, and I do not believe they will be in a hurry to resume them. I would make them settle the question in this way in a short time. I would give them ample opportunity to digest the situation, and in six months or so, if they offered no settlement, issue a proclamation of non-intercourse. Then, deprived of a market for her manufactures, her artisans and shopkeepers, thrown out of employment and out of business, would institute bread riots, and rise in insurrection all over the Kingdom. That would soon settle the *Alabama* difficulty."

THE NEW-YORK POST OFFICE.

Some inquiries have been received here about the status of the New-York Post-office building. I learn that there is nothing to prevent breaking ground for the work immediately, if the Commissioners appointed to transfer the site will execute their task, which they are now authorized to do by the act of the New-York Legislature, authorizing the consent of the City, already given by Mayor HALL. It is reported that Mr. A. T. STEWART, who is a member of the Commission, thinks the selected site inappropriate, and that he is willing to dispose of his store, corner of Chambers-street and Broadway, for that purpose.

THE SOLDIERS' GRAVE DECORATIONS.

The ceremony of decorating the graves of the forty thousand Union dead, who lie buried in the vicinity of Washington, will take place on Saturday, and from the extensive preparations now on foot, the scene is expected to be of a very impressive and interesting character. A Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, and a Committee of the principal ladies of the city have charge of the solemnities, and a number of minor sub-committees are lending their assistance. By order of the President, all the Departments are to be closed. The cemetery near Alexandria, as that at Arlington, will be decorated on Saturday, and on Sunday, the 30th, the cemetery at the Soldiers' Home, and those near Fort Stevens will be decorated without ceremonies, and also the graves of all soldiers in Oak Hill Cemetery, at Georgetown, and and at Glenwood and the Congressional Cemetery. The question of decorating the graves of the Confederate dead has come up, but at a meeting of a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic resolutions were adopted that, while "they bore no malice to the dead, they would not divide the honors by decorating Confederate graves, and thereby taint the character of those who sacrificed their lives for their country."

THE BANK DEPOSITORIES.

A number of gentlemen interested in national banks had an audience of the Secretary of the Treasury on Saturday. They endeavored to convince him that it would be inexpedient to reduce the number of United States national bank depositories in the various cities of the Union, urging that it would give the banks selected for this purpose advantages over the others which would enable them to break down their competitors. Mr. BOUTWELL told the delegation that it was not an inherent privilege of any banking institution, and that it was his duty to see that proper facilities were afforded for the transaction of Government business, and that it was his intention to designate a sufficient number of banks in each city for that purpose.

THE CASE OF DOUGLASS.

The printers belonging to the Union are consuing on the case of DOUGLASS, the colored printer, but appear to be unable to come to any conclusion on the subject. The printers outside the Government office are in favor of making his case an exception, and allowing him to work without admission to the Union. Those employed in the Government office, however, insist on a direct vote on his admission.

FUNERAL OF COMMODORE M'CAULEY.

The remains of Commodore CHARLES STUART MCCAULEY were interred here this afternoon in Oak Hill Cemetery. The funeral was attended by citizens and by officers of the Navy, Army and Marine Corps. The pall bearers were Generals DELAFIELD and SHIRAS, of the Army; General ZEILIN, of the Marine Corps; Admirals FOOR, HARWOOD, DAHLGREN and POWELL, of the Navy, and W. W. CORCORAN. Deceased was 76 years of age.

PERSONAL.

Colonel EDGAR W. DENNIS, Judge-Advocate, for some time past on duty in the office of the Judge Advocate-General in this city, has tendered his resignation, to take effect immediately. Having served through the war and during reconstruction, he retires from the army to take the position of attorney in the Kansas Pacific Railway Company, with present headquarters at Topeka. Colonel DENNIS will be well remembered for his able services with General SICKLES in the latter's successful reconstruction policy in North and South Carolina, and in his retirement the Bureau of Military Justice loses one of its ablest and most accomplished officers.

Mr. SAM. WARD, iron-clad merchant, invited General BUTLER to his little dinner party a few evenings ago, but the General found that he was otherwise engaged.

The President and a portion of his family attended services at the Metropolitan Methodist Church to-day.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, May 23.

MINISTER MOTLEY'S INSTRUCTIONS.

The most that can be reliably ascertained of the instructions to Minister MOTLEY is that they are more of a general than specific character, and do not contemplate any speedy action on his part with regard to the *Alabama* and other claims, in view of the present sentiment in England upon the subject, if for no other reason. Mr. MOTLEY will inform Her Majesty's Government of the desire of our own to adjust all pending questions on a basis that will strengthen the friendly relations between the two countries.

WRECKED CREWS AT LIVERPOOL.

The United States Consul at Liverpool reports to the Department of State the rescue of the crews of the American vessels *Condrul*, of Boston, and *Dencey*, of Bucksport, by a Spanish bark, both having been lost at sea. The officers and crew were brought to Liverpool.

FRACTIONAL CURRENCY.

The supply of fractional currency in the Treasury being exhausted, no new fractional notes or notes of the denominations of $1 and $2 will be issued in exchange for old currency until the new plates and water-marked paper recently ordered by the Secretary are ready, which will be about the 1st of next July.

Mr. Boutwell and His Policy—He is Supported by the President—The "Three Per Cents"—What Shall Be Done With Them?—Progress of the Colored Race—Mr. Sumner and the President—A Sixty-Thousand-Dollar Man.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, May 22, 1869.

Secretary BOUTWELL is in receipt of as much disinterested advice and criticism concerning his policy as though the cash in the Treasury were his private fortune, and he had asked for counsel as to the best means of devoting it to the public good. As is the case with doctors of physic, so the financial doctors never agree upon any one prominent feature. Take the leading New-York papers, for instance; no two of them agree upon any principal point. One finds fault because he sells gold and buys bonds; another because he don't sell more of the one and buy more of the other; another because he don't redeem the three per cents instead of the bonds; and another because it is bound to find fault generally, no matter what is done. So with the advice and suggestions of bankers and political economists, the prescription of each one will cure, and nothing else will. In view of all this multifarious advice and criticism, it is not wonderful that Mr. BOUTWELL should find it best to follow his own judgment, and leave support to be based upon the results of his policy as developed. It may be interesting to know that in his general policy of doing something toward reducing the debt he has a strong supporter in the person of the President. General GRANT has been, from the outset, very anxious that a *beginning* in this direction should be made. He is prepossessed in favor of the sinking-fund policy, but does not especially care by what agency the policy of reducing the debt is initiated. He realizes the fact that any method will be popular with the people and strengthen the credit of the Government, in the end, which exhibits a steady, even though gradual reduction of the aggregate of the national debt. Such a fact, thoroughly developed, will convince the people that the money they pay for taxes is being applied to its proper uses, and that an Administration which reduces and keeps its expenditures below its receipts is entitled to respect and confidence.

It is a suggestive fact that the policy of redeeming the three per cent. certificates, which is contraction and nothing else, is urged both by the friends and opponents of contraction—by people at the East, because it will compel the banks to put fifty millions of greenbacks in their reserve funds to supply their places; and by people at the West, who worship greenbacks and cry aloud for more currency, for reasons which it is hard to understand, considering its effect. Just here is the difficulty and danger of this class of obligations. To withdraw them, the Secretary, having no currency, must first sell gold to obtain it, thus withdrawing it temporarily from circulation; for it is in circulation, and is *not* in the reserve. Then he redeems the certificates with his currency, and it goes—where? *Not* into circulation, but by law it takes the place of the redeemed certificates. Then comes a redoubled cry from the West and South for more currency; another attack on Congress—only defeated last time by sharp management—resulting next time, in all probability, in a complete overturning of the banking interests in the North and East, or national banking on a free basis, with central redemption—which, if it could be secured, would be worth the danger of the attempt. This is more fully appreciated here than in New-York, because political combinations in Congress can be formed to accomplish results which may be the very opposite of what may there be deemed sound financial policy.

It may be said that this is, in substance, an argument demonstrating the necessity of putting out of existence so dangerous an element of circulation. Possibly it is, and it ought, unquestionably, to be done. The spasms of contraction would surely follow, and the result in the end would be beneficial. But how would the opponents of contraction, now urging the retirement of these certificates, be pleased with such a result?

The colored people are getting along in the world. It has been for General GRANT, who made freedom for the slave possible, to give them other opportunities for enjoying their rights, chief among which, according to the new reading, are life, liberty and the pursuit of office. A colored postmaster in the heart of Georgia, right among the proudest chivalry, is the chief triumph of the week. Think of TOOMBS, instead of calling the roll of his slaves in the shadow of Bunker Hill Monument, only calling for his letters from HENRY M. TURNER, preacher and Postmaster, at Macon, Ga.! Two colored men appointed to clerkships in the Internal Revenue Office, and two hopeful scions of FREDERICK DOUGLASS, who set their father's types, years ago, both in Government employ, one in the Government Printing Office, and the other a clerk in a district office, presided over by a representative of another race "bowed down" by the prejudices of modern civilization. What sweet revenges come out of this new order of things that places this descendant of the tribe of Levi and this descendant of the tribe of Ham in such conspicuous juxtaposition. To be an ordinary white man now-a-days, with only Good Samaritan qualities, is to be a very ordinary thing, indeed, and merits no recognition from the eminent gentleman who is "so engrossed with the thoughts of the race" that he "has no time for individuals."

By the way, it was Mr. SUMNER who secured another recognition of "the race," in the appointment of Mr. TURNER, above alluded to. That was his business the day he called at the White House, and failed to see the President—which has been represented in a greatly false and outrageous light. The President was just about to depart for the Interior Department, and his few remaining moments were occupied with important papers requiring his signature. The President sent word that he was very busy, but if Mr. SUMNER's business was important, he would see him, notwithstanding, in a few moments. Mr. SUMNER sent word back in substance: "Say to the President I never call unless I have business of importance, but if he is very much occupied I will not press an interview today." He then repaired to the War Department, and laid the matter before General HAWLINS, and in conference with the Postmaster-General a day or two afterward, the appointment was arranged. The statement that any coolness exists between the President and Mr. SUMNER on this account, or that the latter used the uncivil language attributed to him, is untrue.

To illustrate the tender manner in which the public goose is plucked by revenue officials of the Johnson *régime*, read the following brief but interesting conversation, which was carried on without concealment in a street-car yesterday between two old ladies, whose accent betokened Washington nativity and residence:

First Old Lady—So you say —— is coming back?

Second Old Lady—Yes; he was suspended, but he heard of it first, and then he resigned.

First Old Lady—Does he intend to remain here?

Second Old Lady—Well, he isn't fully decided yet whether he will settle in New-Orleans or return here and practice law.

First Old Lady—You say he has resigned?

Second Old Lady—Yes; he heard they were going to remove him, so he resigned. *But he has made sixty thousand dollars out of it any way.*

First Old Lady—*Oh! I'm so glad of it!*

This is nearly literal. Wonder if Major WHITELY, the experienced Chief of the Secret Service Bureau, can find anybody to fit this description?

CYMON.

CANADA.

Two Important Discussions in Parliament—The Finance Minister's Banking Scheme—Emigration from Great Britain—The Failure of the Royal Canadian Bank.

From Our Own Correspondent.

TORONTO, Saturday, May 22, 1869.

Parliament is kept busy, notwithstanding the Ministry were considered backward with their measures, the principal of which have yet to be brought forward. There have been two important discussions during the week, one on the Intercolonial Railway, and the other on the Governor-General's salary. With regard to the first, objection was taken to the proposed North-shore route, and it is well known that a section of the Cabinet and very many of the Government supporters strongly opposed it; but it was chosen nevertheless, and the other evening Mr. MACKENZIE, the Opposition leader, moved to reconsider the matter, when a lengthy debate ensued. This country probably never witnessed such a sudden change of opinion in public men as a great number of its representatives evinced on this question, for the motion was negatived by a vote of 114 to 28! Many who had previously declared against the North-shore route now wheeled round, and on the plea of offending the Imperial Government if they voted for the resolution, stultified themselves shamefully. There can be no doubt whatever that the decision in favor of the route along the north shore of the St. Lawrence was influenced by a desire to serve the French Canadian party of Quebec, who are controlled by the Minister of War, as he has been facetiously termed of late. The proof of this is given in the fact that the line as now proposed and intended to be carried out, will cost several millions of dollars more than by the route at first spoken of. Clearly enough, all the Nova Scotian members but one supported the Government. It is quite clear that the Ministry can do pretty much as they please. The debate on the Governor-General's salary was occasioned by a motion of the Premier's fixing it at $10,000. Here again there was some of the most glaring tergiversation that ever was seen. Many who had before voted to reduce the sum, and whose votes settled the point when it was carried, that the sum should remain as it was previous to confederation, deliberately turned round and said they could not go in the face of England. They had no such scruples in the first instance, but seeing now that the Ministry were in earnest and would need all the support they could get, they reversed their votes, and the result was that the Government triumped by 90 to 40. The Nova Scotians were once more almost a unit for the Government, and it now seems clear that they have so far "accepted the situation" as to go it blind for the Ministry they affected so recently to despise. Some people are beginning to think the Howe-McLellan scheme for getting better terms for Nova Scotia was pretty deeply laid, and was intended to mislead the public. The New-Brunswick representatives are not near such steady and uniform supporters as the Nova Scotians; but then they have not the same inducements. Two troublesome questions have now been effectually disposed of, and the Government must feel greatly relieved.

THE BANKING SCHEME.

The opposition to the Finance Minister's banking project is not near so bitter as it was, and there is even a probability that the country may become reconciled to it; at any rate, the principal objections urged against it come altogether from interested sources. It is even said that certain people who are loudest in their opposition have been induced to do so for good and substantial reasons. The opinion of the country is gradually shaping in favor of the proposition, and, as the details of the scheme are not approved of by some who favor the principle of the measure, it is thought that the Government will greatly modify it, and thus render it acceptable to a large majority of the people. Disguise it who may, it is nevertheless a fact that confidence in the monetary institutions of Canada had been rudely shaken, and few will deny that a means of safer investment is required. Within a few years there have been three failures—two of them old institutions, in which the public has manifested the utmost confidence. Yesterday the doors of a comparatively new bank, the Royal Canadian, were closed, and some doubts are entertained of its again renewing business. The institution is believed to be quite able to meet all its liabilities, but the pressure came so heavily upon it that it could not stand under it. The thing was accomplished in this way: Hon. DONALD MACDONALD, a member of the Senate, who is a director of the bank, issued a private circular declaring against its management in such a manner as to create a feeling of distrust. Previous to this, however, the stock of the bank had by some means become depreciated, and stood very low in the market. Mr. MCDONALD's circular was met by another from the President and the other directors, who charged him with seeking revenge because he had been refused a large loan. To this he rejoined with another circular a few days since, in which he denies all the allegations set forth against him. This last circular appears to have done the work, for gradually the depositors in this city began to withdraw, until at last the bank found itself unequal to the task of meeting the heavy demands made upon it, and it was compelled to suspend payment. This is the brief history of the affair; but there are doubtless other causes which led to the disaster. The institution was considered sound enough, but not well managed, and the loss of confidence has proved its overthrow.

Now it is clear that failures of this kind afford the best possible argument in favor of a scheme like that proposed by the Finance Minister; and the suspension of the Royal Canadian Bank in this city will have a powerful effect in aiding the Government banking plan, the very principle of which is to give stability to the monetary institutions of the country, and render the investment of money safe. Parliament will hesitate less now than it did a week ago in giving support to the scheme in question.

THE EMIGRATION MOVEMENT.

The impetus given to emigration from Great Britain to this country, is in no way attributable to the action of either the general or local Governments, for it appears that the tide set in before the Government of Ontario, the only one that has done anything yet, took a single step. The best proof of this is the fact that all who have arrived have been sent out by London societies, and a large number of dismissed dockyard employes, whose expenses across the ocean have been paid by the Government. The English societies and a number of agents who appear to have some way of making money out of the business, have been particularly active this season. It has been discovered that it is much cheaper to pay the cost of transporting to Canada the poor people who in London are dependent upon charity, than to keep them there; hence this emigration movement, which is likely to be very extensive. The plan adopted is to pay the passage of the emigrants, find them in provisions for the voyage, and give each a small sum of money on landing at Quebec. They are then forwarded to various points, where the emigration agents look after them, and see that they get employment. This arrangement has worked well so far, and there does not appear to have been any difficulty in placing them. The local Governments pay the expenses for their respective Provinces, and it does not appear that the General Government incurs any expenditure except for the salaries of the agents. Large numbers of German emigrants have arrived by way of Quebec, but they push on to the Western States, and very few of them remain here. All the Norwegians pass on, and there is no chance of Canada retaining one of them. It is estimated that about five thousand has been added to the population of the Dominion since the emigration season began. Large additions are expected, including Miss EYE's one hundred servant girls, who sailed on the 10th. This philanthropic lady, who has certainly done much good in bettering the condition of many of her young country women, seems to have given up the idea of bringing hither what are known in England as "gutter children;" the project was strongly opposed, and if she had persisted in her scheme she would have aroused a very bad feeling. Happily she changed her mind, and intends to confine her efforts to the emigration of young women.

THE BANK FAILURE.

No apprehensions are entertained that the Royal Canadian Bank will fail to meet its liabilities in full. The withdrawal of deposits has been very heavy. On the 1st March last its liabilities were $2,146,858, but on Saturday, the 15th inst., they were only $1,830,421, and to meet this the bank has assets amounting to $2,300,524. It is quite clear, therefore, that the whole of the liabilities will be met in time. The Provincial Government have $120,000 on deposit in this bank, $60,000 of which, however, are secured by Provincial notes. The Corporation of Hamilton have a deposit there of nearly $60,000, and the County of Wentworth $25,000. The directors have issued a notice warning depositors and bill-holders to be cautious and not sacrifice, as their claims will be made good. It is thought that the bank will resume operations within the time prescribed by law, under new management. The suspension is for thirty days, and if arrangements can be effected sixty days longer will be allowed by the act.

THE ADMINISTRATION.

Taxation and Our Foreign Policy.

Vice-President COLFAX arrived in Springfield, Ill., on Thursday morning, and in the afternoon held a public reception in the Hall of Representatives. He responded to an address of welcome from Speaker J. C. CONKLING, and in alluding to the present Administration said he knew the subject must be a delicate one for a person so intimately connected with the Government as himself. There was, in our country, a disposition to criticise those in authority, but there was no impropriety in alluding to things upon which we all agree. There is no one but that rejoices over these two points of policy of the Administration in power: First, the emphatic declaration of the President that the Government must be administered with economy; that the revenues of the Government must be faithfully collected and properly applied, even if he has to remove officer after officer, until he finds what DIOGENES sought—an honest man. The burden of national debt always presses upon the people, even though the country may be growing and prospering. The burden of taxation presses heavily upon the country now, but it was contracted to save the Republic. The burdens of taxation should be so equalized to bear as lightly as possible upon the tillers of the soil and the producing classes of our people. It is believed that the time has already come when we have reached the maximum of our national debt, and that every month will hereafter see a gradual diminution.

The second point was in regard to our foreign policy. If there has been subserviency in the past and a lack of manly utterance, that has passed. We are to have a bold, frank, outspoken policy that will command respect. We can see already the determination of the Administration of General GRANT, to which we all can give our adherence, that we shall practice as a nation what we have been commanded in the Holy Scriptures to practice as individuals, that is, the golden rule, given to us in that Sermon on the Mount, peerless among all the discourses recorded in sacred or profane history: "Whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do ye even so unto them;" and while we may have generous sympathies for those who long for national independence, however warm those sympathies may be, we must practice toward all nations the same justice we demand that they shall practice toward us. Above all things we should deplore war. We want no more carnage and bloodshed. We have had it, and we know what it is. We want peace, above all things, in this fair land of ours—peace at home and peace abroad. With a continuance of peace, contemplate the mighty future that lies before us as a nation! We are sometimes told there is poverty, there is taxation, there is distress in the land. There may be; but there is in every land in this world. But no country in the world is so prosperous, or has such a future as our own. It is the home of promise for the poor man. No man could have dreamed, until the war burst upon us, that this land could put a million of men under arms, and at the same time carry on its industrial pursuits, and increase in national wealth. And now that the war is over, and a vast public debt has been put on the present generation, national existence, we expect to go onward, and strictly meet all our obligations until all our promises are performed; and this nation will continue to go forward increasing in agricultural resources and mineral and manufacturing wealth, as it has never been developed before. We used to talk of California as a land of gold, and not long ago it seemed a long journey across the Continent to that land. But that day is past now. It is the golden grain of California that eclipses its product of golden ore.

THE FRENCH CABLE.—A few days ago we stated that land had been purchased at Duxbury for the American end of the French cable. We learn that a contract has been made with Mr. BROWN, Superintendent of the International Telegraph Line, to build a line from Duxbury to Boston, that the poles have been purchased, and are now being set. The arrangements for laying the cable are nearly completed, and will be shipped by be carried out at an early day.—*Boston Traveller, May 22.*

THE CITY'S HEALTH.

Sanitary Precautions in the Metropolis and at Quarantine.

SHALL WE HAVE A SICKLY SEASON?

Thorough Inspection of Tenement Houses—How Sick Emigrants are Cared For.

Operations at Quarantine.

The officers charged with enforcing the Quarantine regulations at this port will have increased facilities at their disposal this Summer for carrying them out faithfully. Of the two islands which the State has been constructing on the shoal in the lower bay known as the West Bank, one, which is called Island No. 1, with its hospitals and other buildings, will be fully ready for occupation within a fortnight or so, and, in case of emergency, might be used at once. This island is intended for the accommodation of those who are sick with diseases that subject them to quarantine. Island No. 2, which is designed for a boarding station, and for the detention of persons who have been exposed to disease, but are not sick, will probably be completed in September or November next.

The first island has an area of two acres and is one and a half miles from the shore, while the second island will have an area of three acres and ½ half a mile from the first on one side, and a mile from the shore on the other. There are five hospital buildings on the island that is completed, each of them 120 feet long and 25 feet wide. They are divided into ten wards, each 50 feet long and 25 feet wide, and will accommodate, if necessary, 1,000 patients at a time, which is a very much larger number than will probably ever need accommodation there. They are one-story pavilion structures, built with square timbers interlaced and filled in with stone and covered with rough boards and felting, so as to make them impervious to moisture. The roofs are of slate. At the east end of the row of hospitals is the house for the Superintendent, physicians and other employes. It is 40 feet square, two-story, basement and attic. Near it is the cook-house for the hospitals. At the west end are a large baggage-house 40 feet square, the dead-house, the disinfecting-house, the wash-house and the fuel-house. These are all constructed of materials similar to those with which the hospitals are built. Most of them could be used in case of emergency for hospital purposes. There will be tanks on the island for storing 24,000 gallons of rain water at a time, to be used for drinking, washing, extinguishing possible conflagrations, and all other purposes for which it may be required. Some of this water will probably be brackish, especially in stormy weather, when the waves dash up pretty high. The brackish water will be used for cleaning and similar purposes, while that part which, in tanks more removed from the shore, is kept fresh, will be reserved for drinking. The rip raps surrounding the entire island, which are not fully completed, will be ten feet above high tide, and will project at the base thirty-two feet from the structure. The contract price of the work of constructing this island was $216,618, and the expenses of litigation growing out of the contract, and the cost of completing the work fully will make the entire cost $400,000, which sum has been appropriated for it by the Legislature. The other structure will cost about $325,000, the payment of which is also provided for.

This latter island is hexagonal in form, and on the north west side will have a slip in which a vessel may be moored. Dr. SWINBURNE states that its location is such that it will be a very inconvenient boarding station; and that in certain kinds of weather it will be useless for that purpose. Between it and the channel where vessels must anchor when waiting for the Boarding Officer, is a portion of the West Bank, which is bare at low tide. The tug of the Boarding Officer will be compelled to pass all the way around this shoal before it can reach the island, or from the island to reach the ship. This will cause delay as well as a degree of marine profanity on board of the detained vessel, which it is not pleasant to contemplate. In a strong southeast wind a vessel could not lay off the island and be boarded. The channel at this point, moreover, is not wide, and the obstruction offered by the anchored vessels lying in the path of others bound in or out will be a matter of serious inconvenience. It had been arranged that the residence of the Health Officer and the boarding station should be at Coney Island, opposite which, in Gravesend Bay, is an ample and comparatively sheltered roadstead. The inhabitants thereabouts made serious objections to this, and the project was opposed because it would destroy almost the only surf-bathing place within reach of New-York and Brooklyn; but the Legislature passed a law two years ago authorizing it, and after much litigation it was finally decided by the Courts that the objections to the proposed work could not be sustained. At the last moment, however, a provision was "tacked on" to the Supply bill by the Legislature at the session just closed, repealing the original bill. It is said to have been drawn by Senator HENRY C. MURPHY, who had favored the original bill, but upon whom a tremendous pressure was brought to bear for its repeal by residents of that portion of Long Island who thought their property would be damaged by the contiguity of the boarding station.

The views of the Health Officer given above, with regard to the inconvenience of the new boarding station on the West Bank, do not seem to be entertained by the Commissioners of Quarantine, who in their last annual report to the Legislature say that:

"An inspection of the harbor will satisfy any one that the point selected is the most feasible one which could be chosen for the purpose. It lies between the Narrows and the site of the new hospital, and embraces a sufficient depth of water to make it accessible to the boats of the Health Officer, while its proximity to the main ship channel will greatly facilitate the examination of vessels. It is believed that it would have been found impracticable to have erected it to the southwest of the hospital site, nearer the anchorage, on account of the great depth of water, the greater exposure to the elements, and the great expense of the work. Besides, even if it could be erected there, it would be impossible to occupy it but a small portion of the year on account of its exposed position. Yet it cannot be denied that the interests of commerce, during the season of active quarantine operations, require that vessels from infected ports should be boarded and examined near the quarantine anchorage as soon as practicable after their arrival. For that reason the Commissioners recommend that the *Illinois*, or some other similar vessel, be stationed during that period below the West Bank Hospital, to be used as a boarding station."

The boarding station at Staten Island will continue to be used as such for two years from the first day of the present month. By the terms of the recent sale of the Quarantine grounds at Staten Island, the use of four acres was reserved for that length of time. This entire property was sold for $200,000, partly to the Government Light-house Department, and partly to private parties who are about to divide the principal portion of it into building lots, run a street through the grounds and throw the property on the market.

Cases of small-pox have been found by the Boarding Officer, Dr. KENNETH REID, on many of the vessels recently arrived at this port, especially those coming from Sweden and Germany, where this virulent disease is now prevailing. The practice in such cases is to remove the sick to the Small-pox Hospital at Blackwell's Island, where the law makes it the duty of the Commissioners of Emigration to provide for them. The ship is then thoroughly fumigated with strong chlorine gas, the bedding, bags and clothes of those who had the disease are destroyed, and the bedding of the other passengers is aired by being hung in the rigging, while their dirty clothes are carefully cleansed and hung out also. All of the ship's company are vaccinated, except those who have already been recently subjected to this preventive measure, and the ship is detained, until it is certain that there is no danger that any new cases will break out. The vaccination is done by Dr. J. P. LOZIER, Vaccine Physician to the Eastern Dispensary, to whom Drs. STONE, PARKER and CHAPIN, Sanitary Commissioners of the Board of Health, in a letter recently addressed to him, said: "You have devoted many years to the study of this subject, have vaccinated more than any one else in the City, and are generally acknowledged to be the best authority in the country."

The ship *Crystal*, whose arrival we reported recently, had twenty-nine cases of small-pox on board. After being treated in the manner above described, she was detained ten days by the Health Officer, and then allowed to come up to the City. The bark *Anton*, which arrived here Friday from Bremen with 30 cabin passengers and 350 emigrants in the steerage, had seven cases of small-pox aboard. The names of these patients were: Adolph Spermadiano, aged 24; Albert Karsten, aged 17; Johanne Karsten, aged 21; Frederick Sommus, aged 40; Joseph Viale, aged 17; Henrietta Polatus, aged 23; Amelia Priske, aged 1. They were sent to Blackwell's Island Hospital, and the ship and remaining passengers were detained and cared for in the usual manner. Patients sick with the ship fever are sent to the hospital at Ward's Island, in charge of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction.

The Quarantine hospitals are for the accommodation only of those who are sick with yellow fever, cholera and other kindred diseases which may be communicated otherwise than by personal contact. It seems quite probable that the exposure of campaign life in Cuba this season will cause the yellow fever to prevail with unusual violence there. The unacclimated Spanish troops will be apt to suffer from its ravages if kept in the field; and the insurgents, exposed to unusual hardships, will also be likely to become its victims. Of course if it prevails to any great extent in Cuba, it will be brought to this port. The Quarantine authorities declare that they are fully prepared to meet the grim visitor at the outer gates and prevent him from entering the town.

Tenement-house Inspections.

The Board of Health is now fully occupied with the largest and most important work which it has undertaken. We refer to the systematic inspection of tenementhouses. No loger content with merely waiting for and attending to the complaints of citizens, it now sends its officers into those dark recesses of the City whence no complaint ever comes but to the physician or undertaker, and requires him to search out those hidden causes of disease and death which there exist in such abundance and give rise to the enormous tenement-house mortality. Nothing can remedy the monstrous evils of the tenement-house but an investigation which shall, in regular order, reach every cellar, room and garret, and the prompt exercise of the power to correct the defects at once on their discovery.

The plan of inspection adopted by the Board requires the inspector to commence his survey at a certain part of his district, and examine in detail each tenement-house, block by block, going from cellar to garret, and noting carefully every condition affecting unfavorably the health of the residents. These notes are entered among the permanent records of the Board and furnish a vast amount of information in regard to the sanitary condition of the tenement-house population which will be of the greatest service in the future operations of our sanitary authorities. The inspector also reports promptly every defect in construction and every kind of nuisance affecting the health of the occupants, and the Board immediately takes the necessary measures to apply the proper remedy. Thus, the work of reform and improvement keeps pace with the inspection. This sanitary survey has now progressed so far as to give proofs of the most important results. Sources of disease within and around the homes of the labo

CAN THE NEWSPAPER PRESS BE INDEPENDENT?

Want of Criticism—Independence of the Press—What the Needs of the Press Are—Want of Independence—The True People.

THE BENCHES, Wednesday, May 19, 1869.

Harper's Weekly thinks I was too caustic with Mr. BEECHER, and that I am not very logical. The last I leave the public to judge of; but I should be sorry to be thought uncourteous or uncharitable toward any respectable gentlemen. If, therefore, anybody thinks I have been, I am ready to make the *amende honorable*. Let me say, however, that the public men of this country greatly need criticism. They do not need abuse, for they have a superabundance of that; but they need criticism. Americans, it seems to me, have much humor with little true wit, and great abuse with small criticism. To criticise properly requires sometimes thought, patience and information, but everything in this country is too hurried for that. The public writer, like the gold broker, hurries to conclusions, and expresses them quickly and energetically. If I expressed rather energetic doubts of the intellectual sanity of persons engaged in the free trade enterprise at the present time, it is because I feel more for the honor and integrity of my country than I do for any economical theories whatever. These gentlemen may not know, but I do, that there is a large party for repudiation in this country. Much of their argument consists of just such lamentations as the Free Traders indulge in over the burdens of taxation. It does not seem to me that a country whose productive industry amounts to three thousand millions of dollars a year, and whose taxation, (national,) excluding that on whisky, tobacco, and foreign goods, does not amount to more than a hundred millions a year, is taxed very highly. Ah! but why tax these foreign goods? Why not? Why not tax foreign rather than American goods? If I do not understand the logic of the schools, these gentlemen will find that I understand the logic of the American people. But it will be a good while before they vote on these questions, and till then, I say with GRANT, let us have peace.

Let me now return to my subject. I am thankful to you, Mr. TIMES, that you have allowed me to give utterance to opinions, with some of which you probably did not agree. It is a large approach to that independence of the Press, which ought to be its ultimate ambition. Nine-tenths of the Press is in no respect independent. The reader may be astonished at this assertion; but I say it with as much knowledge of the subject as, perhaps, any person has. Out of the four thousand or more newspapers proper in the United States, four-fifths are political, and most of the remainder religious, with a few commercial. Each of these is a party, or a sectarian, paper; or something which is good for nothing—neutral. Now, my view of an independent paper is not that of either of these. Almost all, perhaps not quite all, would absolutely refuse or reject articles criticising its party, sect or opinions. Now, that is not independence. It is dependence and subserviency. Yet it is the condition of most of the American Press. Now, why should a paper ably conducted and conscious of right refuse the communications of independent thinkers? I can conceive of only two reasons; one is a fear of party patrons, and the other a conscious inability to reply; and both of them are discreditable. I hold my opinions as strongly, and perhaps some of my readers will say with as much prejudice, as any one, and yet, when I was an editor, many years ago, I admitted and published communications, the most opposite to my own views and principles. I never was afraid of anything to which I had the right and opportunity to reply. When I thought the doctrine wrong, I answered it freely. No newspaper can be independent, in a true sense, or attract any able writers, which does not do this. Now, take this standard and apply it to the newspaper Press and see how many newspapers will come to it. There are thousands of both Republican and Democratic papers in this country from which no reader can gather the least idea of the views, principles and doings of the other party. So there are hundreds of religious papers from which you cannot get a glimpse of any other religious views than their own. What idea of religion would you get from a Roman Catholic paper? You would think Popery, the Virgin Mary, and St. Jones and St. Smith the great influences of the world. Take up a Unitarian paper—what idea would you get from that? Why that free thought and free utterance and free schools was all the religion worth having; and so on, through the whole calendar. Now, since religious newspapers are founded for the purposes of their own sects, this may be entirely right. Suppose it is,—all the newspapers cannot be in the same condition. I am glad to find that the TIMES and the *Tribune* are both free from the slavery which refuses utterance to all opinions but their own.

My idea of a newspaper is this: *First*—It should be a *news* paper, for that is its main object; and *second*—It should be a *forum* for free discussion, in which it should be fearless and independent. It should do what WOODHULL did in the *Public Advertiser* when he published the letters of "Junius." Even then the English Press was so free that the Government did not dare punish the publisher. In doing this the Press would greatly aid the education of the public mind, and also bring out and encourage the young, active and ambitious spirits—which strive not only for public honors, but for the real glory and interests of their country. Do you know that the Press of this country has degenerated in this respect? Go back to the columns of the *Aurora*, the Richmond *Enquirer*, the *Intelligencer* and *National Register*, and you will find any number of "Catos," "Junituses," "Brutuses," "Marcelluses," "Franklins," and "Patrick Henry's." You will smile at the verdure of their style—at the grandeur of their strut—and at the vast importance of themselves! But you will please to remember that in their articles you see the young JAY, HAMILTON, MADISON, CLINTON, DALLAS, CRAWFORD and JOHN QUINCY ADAMS. And were not those articles on a higher level and in a better spirit than those which the Press gives us in these days? We are informed nowadays that Gunnybags has made a great operation in "Central;" that Skinflint is investing largely in "Governments," and that Reckless, Harum, Scarum & Co. have made magnificent and most unheard-of movements in Erie! Then they have not only done this, but the entire Press is agitated with an account of their morals, manners and travels. Now it seems to me that the higher problems of society are more worthy of discussion than any of those which now engage the attention of newspapers. Mammon is in our fashionable society a very respectable person; even MILTON made him quite respectable—I mean in the society of Pandemonium; but then he was even there mean and sensual. Why should we make more of him than he is? I should compress the account of him into a brief space, but with graphic views. People buy newspapers for news; but they give their reputation only for the ability of their discussions. I would unite both of these qualities. I would give every particle of news which could be got, and then I would make it a forum for the discussion of all ideas—even of social gossip; but, of course, I would be far from letting every writer utter crude, ill-digested and sophomore pieces, only fit for the schoolmaster. I mean a fair discussion, by persons fit to write, and compressed within such space as a newspaper can afford.

Another thing of great importance to the independence of the Press—I think your experience has taught you—the *personal* of a newspaper, ought never to appear. This is not because there ought not to be responsibility; but because the personal affairs—jealousies and controversies of newspaper conductors—appear to the public eye entirely beneath the office, dignity and character of the public Press. There are always papers—and you have many in New-York—which purposely move on a low level, and feed their readers with gossip, scandal, Police reports, marvelous adventures and incredible inventions; but the great, leading papers of the country cannot descend to this level with impunity. They must stand high or not stand at all. They should forever cast away all idea of making a great newspaper the organ of personal conflicts and personal revenges. There is no loss of fame and power in this. Nobody is at a loss to know who are the leading men in the New-York Press, but when those men come on the stage, as more A and B, they lose a part of their real influence.

The power and real influence of the newspaper Press cannot be exaggerated, but it must not be forgotten that that power consists entirely in two things, viz.: As the utterer of important and true ideas; and as independent enough to give them utterance. I would rather be the editor of such a paper than to be President of the United States. The President never dares at liberty to express original or independent ideas, if he should happen to have any, and he is limited in point of time; but a newspaper is not limited. And it is only by ideas that the opinions and actions of men are to be moulded.

It is not wealth which makes a man, and it is not office which makes a statesman. The true legislators and statesmen of this country are, and still remain, private citizens—gentlemen of education, public writers of ability, lawyers versed in the legal institutions of the country, editors who know and dare to utter public opinion, clergymen who quietly but efficiently influence their flocks; in fine, that intelligent body of cultivated men whom ROBERT BURNS aptly defined the true People.

A VETERAN OBSERVER.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Cotton Mania—Frosts and the Crops—Militia Laws—Prospective Troubles—Miscellaneous Items.

From Our Own Correspondent.

COLUMBIA, Tuesday, May 18, 1869.

The extent to which the mania for raising cotton this year has taken hold of our people appears in the fact that a four-acre square within the corporate limits of this city has been planted in cotton. Now, the same land planted in small vegetables and table produce, such as are grown in market gardens, would yield at least twice as much profit to the cultivator, and, if well managed, three times as much. It is rented by a freedman, and the project is fairly illustrative of his foresight—the foresight of the black race in general.

THE FROSTS AND CROPS.

Two untimely frosts have visited this latitude the present Spring. One about the middle of April nipped the early-blooming peaches, and in the middle portions of this State killed a great deal of the prospective crop of that fruit. In the mountains, where the trees had not yet bloomed, and on the coast, where there was less of the frost, both suffered far less than the Mid-State did. The second frost came just a week ago, and is a far more serious matter, in that it endangers the cotton crop itself in the upper districts. It is fortunate, however, that there is not a great deal of cotton grown in the regions visited principally by this last untimely frost. But as low down as Laurens, Newberry and Fairfield Counties, statements reach me to the effect that portions of many of their cotton-fields will have to be planted over again. The killing of cotton depends upon the combining conditions of moisture and elevation. Often one row is utterly killed and the next one to it comparatively unhurt. This occurs upon slopes, where the elevation rises above the frost line in the direction of the rows. Although the injury to some plantations was severe, and there is a great deal of grumbling just now about this frost, it is not the impression of the well-informed that the injury is at all general for serious when regarded as affecting the crop of the entire State, and far less when compared with the crop of the South.

MILITIA ORGANIZATION.

It is reasonably feared that trouble may arise in this State from the enforcement of the militia laws. They require all citizens—white and black together—to be enrolled for organization and drill, by beats or townships. They expressly forbid the formation of volunteer companies, in which the whites would readily unite to avoid personal contact with the negro. The Assistant Adjutant-General of the State, R. H. ELLIOTT, a pure-blooded negro from Massachusetts, is not personally popular, even as a negro, with the whites. The trouble that moderate men fear, is to come from unseemly haste in compelling these militia mixed companies. The whites are generally willing to obey any equalizing laws, but are not willing to be forced into an obedience, where the manifest meaning of the law is the humiliation of the whites, and not the general good. Now, as the Adjutant-General—FRANKLIN I. MOSES, the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the State General Assembly—has just issued orders to form these mixed companies, it is becoming apparent that obedience to the degrading law is to be enforced at all hazards. If it be forced through according to the letter of the statute, there will be trouble. There may be blood. It is believed, however, that the Adjutant-General is sufficiently prudent to so conduct his difficult task as to save our people from any serious trouble. Delay will help. Postponement on his part will indicate to the whites that he desires well for the community, and this will remove much of the bitterness toward the measure. The General Assembly at its next session may see reasons for modifying this fatal mistake of its last session. There will be no trouble in either the mountain regions, where the whites greatly preponderate, or upon the coast, where the negroes as greatly preponderate. The Mid-State is the dangerous ground. A few months will decide the matter.

ITEMS.

Columbia rejoices in three velocipedes, but the mania has not become general yet.

The garrison has been reduced at this post from seven to two companies.

One citizen of this county is going into bee culture as a regular business. He is using Langstroth's hive, and thinks he can do a far better business in this latitude than can be done in the Northwest, where so much has already been done. Flowers are infinitely more abundant here than there; and they bloom about nine months a year, instead of five, as in Indiana.

Hail-storms, unusual at this season, have been prevailing here for a week or ten days. They have done some injury to the cotton, corn and garden vegetables, but not much toward hurting the yield of these.

A Massachusetts man was married a short time ago to a mulattress, at Beaufort, upon the coast. This is the third case of inter-racial marriage. The other two cases were white women to negro men.

There is a negro man teaching a dancing school in this city; and his pupils are exclusively whites, among whom are many of good social position. His politics are agreeable to the community.

BOBBE.

Increased Freedom of the Press.

From the Providence Journal.

Perhaps the Press of this country was never freer or more outspoken than at the present time. The war which has produced so great a revolution in our social system, has liberated the Press in a remarkable degree from party domination. The attention of the Press is becoming diverted from men to principles; from party to country; and thus it is denouncing alike its friends and its foes who oppose its principles and what it believes to be the interest of the country, without regard to friends or foes. There are no papers who denounce the political empiricisms of certain leading Republicans with more determination or energy than does the *Nation*, the *Evening Post*, the Boston *Advertiser*, or the Springfield *Republican*. And even the *World*, *Journal of Commerce* and *National Intelligencer* did not disguise in their columns their disgust at the action of the Convention which nominated SEYMOUR and BLAIR. Again, the Press, with rare exceptions, is not corrupt. When we consider the state of things which has existed in this country for the last nine years, and the work which the Press has accomplished, the temptations to which its votaries have been exposed, and the comparatively few instances which have occurred in which it has been corrupted, we take pride in challenging a comparison of patriotism and public virtue between this and any other class or profession in the country.

The spirit of inquiry which is abroad, the facilities afforded by the telegraph for the transmission of intelligence, the enterprise of rival establishments, have taken away much of the necessities for misrepresentation, and the sacrifices to which the country has been subjected have compelled those who control the Press with something of their responsibilities to the Public.

If this spirit is fostered and encouraged, and the press will continue to uphold the right and to fearlessly condemn the wrong, the time is not distant when even the railroad swindlers will be made to feel a sense of moral obligation and to turn from the error of their ways, for we do not believe in total depravity.

THE TURF.

The American Race-Horse—The Training Stables and Breeding Establishments Around New-York Described.

NO. I—THE PREAKNESS STABLE.

The rapidly-increasing popularity of the exciting sports of the turf in the Northern States, under the honorable and elevated management which has of late years characterized them, is a fact that cannot be controverted. The institution of the Paterson, Saratoga and Narragansett Associations, and the American Jockey Club, has done much to elevate racing in social estimation to a position it never before occupied in this country. Gentlemen of large wealth, cultivated intelligence, and high social influence, now rank among the most earnest and devoted patrons of the turf, and numbers of them have invested their money in the purchase of stables of valuable race-horses and extensive establishments for the breeding of thoroughbreds. Within a radius of twenty miles of New-York are located more than a dozen private racing stables, in which are some of the best and most valuable thoroughbred stock in America, worth at the lowest estimate fully $600,000. These establishments are the property of gentlemen who do not keep them as instruments of gambling, but for the enjoyment and elevation of the sports of the turf, and the improvement of the breed of that noblest of animals, the thoroughbred horse.

There has recently been considerable discussion in the public Press regarding the decadence of the American turf, and the deterioration of the American race-horse, in consequence of the gradual abandonment of the practice of running heat races at long distances, and the adoption of the English system of short dashes. The old school of turfmen who flourished a quarter of a century ago, when four-mile-heat races were the rule, and not as now, the exception, lament over the decay of the turf, and gloomily prophecy the eventful ruin of the American race-horse as the legitimate consequence of the old system of race-running. These antiquated authorities fail to perceive that a change in the order of things has taken place within the last twenty years, and that the old system of racing is not adapted to existing circumstances and conditions. Formerly the number of race meetings and race-horses in training were limited, and, in order to prolong the sport one, or, at the most, two races of heats comprised the day's programme of sport at a meeting, while the number of starters rarely exceeded three, or, at the most, four in a race. If heat races were still in fashion, with the vastly increased number of race-horses we now possess, it would be manifestly impossible to get through the day's programme of sport, which generally comprises four and sometimes five races, at the different meetings now held. It is these altered conditions that has led our principal racing associations to adopt the present system of dashes and heat races of one and two miles combined, and it is rarely that a four-mile-heat race appears on the programmes of a meeting, unless on the Southern turf. Owners of race-horses prefer the present system, for it does not tax the life and energy of their horses, and they have better chances of being repaid for the great outlay and expense necessarily attendant on the keeping of a racing stable by running them frequently in the short dashes, which does not injure them, than they had formerly. The argument that the abolition of four-mile-heat races will result in the deterioration of the stamina and endurance of the American thoroughbred, and in the breeding of a class of horses, which, however speedy over a short course, will be unable to stay over a long one, especially of heats, is utterly fallacious. We believe that the majority of horses of the present day cannot only go much faster, but can stay much longer than the majority of racers of twenty years ago. *Pogue's* grandson, *Bayonet*, although only a three-year old, (according to Southern rules,) has run a three-mile-heat race in far faster time than ever *Sarah Mapes* did during her brilliant turf career; and we say *James A. Connolly* ran miles at Saratoga last summer, on a heavy track, amid a violent rainstorm, in quicker time than the great son of *Simoleus* is ever credited with making in all his races. Such a bright galaxy of racers as *Kentucky*, *Idlewild*, *Asteroid*, *Lightning*, *Norfolk*, *Lancaster*, *Harry of the West*, *Longfellow*, *Bayonet*, *Lexington*, and a score of others, testify unanswerably that the American thoroughbred has not deteriorated, but, we firmly believe, vastly improved on the racer of twenty years ago. The system by which some of these empirical turf reformers would transform the racer to his original powers of endurance and speed, are certainly of a most ludicrous character, and clearly prove their ignorance and incapacity. One of them gravely suggests the establishment of a racecourse in the vicinity of Washington, under the auspices of the Land office and the control of the Agricultural Department, which should offer annually two purses of $20,000 each, to be run for in the Spring and Fall, at four-mile heats, the winner taking $10,000, the second $6,000, the third receive $3,000, and the fourth $1,000. He thinks this plan, if adopted, would do away with all dash-racing and with the running of two-year olds, and that if we breed exclusively to the winners of these races, in twenty years' time we should have the finest breed of horses in the world. To reason against such a chimerical proposition, although put forth with great gravity, would be a waste of time and an insult to the intelligence of the reader. A judicious mingling of heats and dash-races at a race meeting has been found to give the greatest satisfaction to the spectators, the horse-owners, and to meets with the hearty approval of the owners of race-horses. If in the coming future the institution of the American turf should fall in public favor and lose its present high prestige, it will be from the mismanagement and incapacity of those who profess to control its destinies, and among whom a spirit of intolerant exclusiveness has already begun to manifest itself, and not from any decay or deterioration of the race-horse, caused by the abandonment of the old system of heat racing at long distances.

MR. SANFORD'S ESTABLISHMENT.

The most extensive and complete establishment for the breeding and training of thoroughbred racers in the Northern States, and, indeed, since the death of the late Mr. ALEXANDER, of Kentucky, in the United States, is that of M. H. SANFORD, Esq., of New-York City. It is located at Preakness, an estate of some two hundred acres, located about three miles from Paterson, N. J., and owned by Mr. SANFORD. Possessed of great wealth, devotedly attached to the exciting amusements of the turf, "the sport of kings," and deeply interested in the improvement of the breed of the American race-horse, Mr. SANFORD, about five years ago, commenced the formation of a racing stable, with the object of indulging his tastes in this sport. Possessed of acquiring a thorough insight into the English system of training and breeding thoroughbreds, he spent some time in that country studying the subject in all its bearings. His primary object was to select some young racing stock of the best possible breed and pedigree, that wealth and sound judgment could secure, and import them into this country for the purpose of competing with our native thoroughbreds on the turf. After long observation and intimate conversation with many of the most intelligent and experienced turfmen in England, owners, breeders and trainers of racing stock, he arrived at the conclusion that we possess in America as good and pure a breed of race-horses as they do in that country. The best racers on the English turf were confessedly the descendants of *Glencoe*. The offspring of the few mares he had behind him crossed with other strains of blood. From one of these, the renowned *Pocahontas*, have sprung *Stockwell*, *Rataplan*, *King Tom* and *Knight of Kars*, four famous stallions, and the two first-named, two of the stoutest racers and most successful sires that ever trod the English turf. *Stockwell* himself, a St. Leger winner, was the sire of two Derby winners, (*Blair Athol* and *Lord Lyons*,) one Oaks victress, (*Regalia*,) and five St. Leger champions, (*St. Albans*, *Caller Ou*, *The Marquis*, *Lord Lyon*, and *Achievement*,) while *Rataplan* is the sire of *Kettlesham*, a Derby winner. *Glencoe* himself, the source of this magnificent strain of blood, was imported into America when in the prime and pride of his vigor, and he has spread his progeny, especially his daughters, broadcast over the land. The cross of the *Glencoe* and *Lexington* blood, through the mares of the former, has been a grandly successful one, as it has, indeed, with almost every strain that has been mixed with it. It was the consciousness of this fact that caused Mr. SANFORD to abandon his idea of purchasing English-bred stock, and to believe in his originally-formed intention of confining himself entirely to American-bred race-horses, fully convinced that they cannot be surpassed in the world in all essential attributes and qualities. He is a staunch believer in the unequaled merits of *Lexington* as a stallion, when mated with *Glencoe* mares, and by far the greater portion of his extensive stud of horses are of this strain of blood. For years lings of this breed he has paid the late Mr. ALEXANDER, of Kentucky, (the great breeder of racing stock and owner of *Kentucky*,) immense sums, but he has never on the turf hitherto has not been by any means equal to his high expectations and liberality merited. He ought to have won the St. Leger at Paterson with *King Lear* in 1866, but the incompetence of his rider threw away the race; for in the Sequel Stakes the next day he took the same field over the same course in the commonest of canters. With *Northumberland* and *Holopey*, full brothers to *Norfolk* and *Asteroid*, and for whom he paid Mr. ALEXANDER several thousand dollars when yearlings, he has hitherto been unfortunate. With *Loadstone* and *Leamington*, full brothers, he has been more successful; and magnificent trophy, the Steward's Cup, he won by the former beating *Idlewild*, who has been sire of the Belmont Stakes, which he latter carried off the Saratoga Cup last year, after the most brilliant struggle and finish ever witnessed on the American turf.

Having recently agreed to wish to inspect the Preakness stable of racers, we were cordially invited by Mr. SANFORD to accompany him in a flying visit to the establishment. The drive from Paterson is over some three miles of continuous ascent, so that on our arrival at the place we found it located on an elevated plateau of country, richly cultivated, and bounded by distant hills on every side. The purity and elasticity of the atmosphere is one great advantage of the locality for training purposes. The stables, boxes and buildings were erected in view of the purpose for which they were wanted, and are spacious, lofty, substantial and well ventilated. The stable buildings form a circle, so that a covered walk for the horses in training during rainy weather, on which they can get gentle walking exercise without getting wet, is always available. The saddle-rooms, feed-rooms, hay and corn lofts and smiths' shop, are all admirably arranged, clean and convenient. There is a Turkish bath on the premises for the horses, when circumstances require its employment, Mr. SANFORD being convinced of its utility as an occasional adjunct to regular out-door exercise in training. A substantial stone homestead, the residence of the manager of the farm, and a handsome frame two-story cottage for the trainer, are in immediate proximity to the stables. The entire plan of the buildings has been laid out with great judgment, and no expense has evidently been spared to make the establishment complete in every respect. Plenty of good pure water is obtained by forcing it up from a stream a short distance off by a ram into a large cistern in the centre of the enclosure. There are numerous paddocks for the brood mares with their foals to run about in, and the training track, a full mile, is immediately adjoining.

Our first visit of inspection was to the brood mares, one of whom, our old acquaintance *Eyring*, by *Rinaldo*, dam *Emma Wright*, by *Vandal*, had that morning dropped a fine colt foal to *King Lear*. This was the first colt foal that had been dropped on the Preakness farm, all the others having been fillies; it was a chestnut, and marked by *King Lear* in his own peculiar manner, with white strip in the face, and white legs fore and behind. *Emma Wright*, the dam of *Eyring*, by *Margrave*, was a wonderfully good brood mare, and threw first-class race-horses to whatever sire she was mated to. By *Lexington* she had *Lenora Purvis*, a very famous one; by *Vandal* she had *Mollie Jackson*, (the dam of *Monday*,) whose three-mile heat record of 5:29¾ has not been surpassed to this day. To *Ringgold* she bred *Eyring*, who on the turf was a mare of wonderful speed, but of so delicate and nervous an organization that she seldom ran up in public to her high private trials at home. Her best performance was when she won the Jockey Club Handicap at Jerome Park, at the Summer meeting in 1867, beating *Gilmore*, *Gilroy*, *Onward*, *Luther*, *Hampton Court*, *Enchantress*, and *Maid of Honor*. This colt is her second foal, and, judging from her fine rangy appearance, she promises to do Mr. SANFORD more good service as a brood mare than she has done on the turf.

In the adjoining box we found the bay mare *Nemesis Bullet*, by *Lexington*, dam *Tokay*, by imp. *Yorkshire*, with a recently-dropped bay filly foal by *Virgil* at her foot. *Nemesis*, now nine years old, looked remarkably well, as her fine pedigree renders her invaluable as a brood mare. Passing on, we came next to the chestnut mare *Regina*, by *Lexington*, dam by *Glencoe*, with another bay filly by *Virgil* at her side, only a week old. *Regina* was never trained, but she will assuredly make a valuable mare to breed from, having all the essential points and conformation of a first-class breed mare. In the next box we found another *Virgil*, being a week-old bay filly out of *Ouvidella*, by *Lexington*, dam by *Bonsor's* dam. *Virgil* himself, who was by *Vandal*, was a black horse, and a first-class racer, but does not impress his own color on his stock, for all he has got so far are bays, well shaped and truly formed. In the adjoining box stood the bay mare *Del*, by *Mad Antony*, dam *Lady Wallace* by *Glencoe*, with a chestnut filly by *King Lear* recently foaled; and in the box next to her we came upon the gem of the lot, in a chestnut filly by *King Lear* out of a *Sovereign* mare, foaled about a month previous, and about the finest and most muscular colts of the age we ever saw. Like all *King Lear's* stock, this filly had the white hind and fore feet, and white face, with which he always stamps them, and the chestnut filly in the next box, out of a *Scythian* mare, was no exception.

Our next visit, after leaving the brood mares above described, (for our limited time would not allow us to go over the entire lot, twenty-three in number,) was to the two-year olds, now just commencing regular training, and now taking their exercise on the track. A remarkably good-looking racing like bay filly is *Notice*, by *Lexington*, dam *Venice*, and consequently full sister to *Norfolk* and *Northumberland*; she is reserved for heavily engaged, being on the Hopeful Stakes and Two-year-old Stakes at Jerome Park; the Saratoga Stakes; Travers Stakes of 1870, and Flash Stakes, Saratoga. That brown filly following her is *Skimpe*, by *Lexington*, dam *Mildred* by *Glencoe*, small but compactly built, with a fine action. She is in the Hopeful and Two-year-old Sweepstakes of 1869, and the annual sweepstakes for three-year olds, run at Jerome Park. The bay filly next her is *Grecian Bend*, by *Lexington* out of *Miriam*, and consequently full sister to *Merrill*, the Derby winner of 1864. She is a well-formed, good-looking filly, with capital action, and, judging from appearances, will distinguish herself on the turf. Her engagements are in the Saratoga and Flash Stakes, and the Travers Stakes and Baltimore Dinner Stakes of 1870. *Rosa*, a bay filly by *Lexington* out of MELAIMIE's dam *Antonah*, is a remarkably nice mover, although not built on a large scale; her engagements are in the Saratoga Stakes and the Jerome Sweepstakes of 1870. The plain-looking but powerful chestnut colt following is *Jerome*, by a full brother to *Mollie*, so we can see the blood in that instance having "nicked" so well that Mr. ALEXANDER sent *Emma Wright* to *Vandal* a second time, and the experiment promises to be equally as successful as in the famous mare's case, as far as can be judged from good looks and fine action. He has no engagements at present. The handsome dark bay colt that brings up the rear is *Preakness*, by *Lexington* out of *Bayleaf* by *Yorkshire*, and therefore full brother to *Bayonet*, *Beacon*, *Bayswater* and *Bagwood*. A finer shaped, more muscular, well coupled colt is rarely seen, and as all the family are famous for their great speed, we expect to find him no exception to the rule. His engagements are in the Travers Stakes at Saratoga, the Dinner Party Stakes at Baltimore in 1870, and the Annual Sweepstakes for three-year olds at Jerome Park next year. We anticipate for this magnificent colt a most brilliant racing career, our high estimate of his running abilities being founded solely on his grand appearance.

The two-year olds having done their work, the three-year-olds next come for their gallops. We recognized in the chestnut filly leading, *The Nun*, a full sister to *Norfolk* and *Northumberland*, who ran three or four times unsuccessfully last year. The little compactly-built filly is *Nina*, a full sister to *Stamps*, and the undersized bay filly following her is *John*, by *Star Davis* out of *Katonah*, and therefore full sister to *Nemesis*; neither of these fillies seem to have grown much since last year. The handsome, powerful filly just coming up is *Niagara*, a three-year-old sister to *Bayonet*, and having many points of resemblance to that famous race-horse. She has but two engagements in the Sequel and All Ages Sweepstakes at Saratoga, and she has never been stripped in public hitherto. The chestnut colt next her is *King Henry*, a full brother to *King Lear*, a good-looking colt, whose training was interrupted last year, and he has consequently yet to make his *debut* on the turf; he has no engagement this season. A bay filly by Australian, dam *Kate Hugo*, and a remarkably nice mover, brings up the rear of the three-year-olds.

The next division that makes their appearance comprises *Lancaster*, *Extra*, *Northumberland*, *Hotspur*, *La Polka*, *Oberon* and *Jolly One*, and a grand-looking string of thoroughbreds they are. Eighty days *Lancaster*, with his jockey, HUGH HAZARD, in the saddle, occupy the pride of place for a better racehorse cannot be found on the American turf. As a three-year old he was fairly run off his legs, and he will probably never entirely recover from the effects of his tremendous three-mile heat race in the mud, at New-Orleans, when beaten by *Harry of the West*; *Lancaster* not being fit to run at the time, and ought not to have been started. None that saw it will ever forget the electric rush with which HERYARD brought him in the last few strides for the Saratoga Cup last year, and snatched the race from *James A. Connolly* by a short head on the post. He is a delicate horse to train, but if he keeps all right he will place more than one good stake to his credit during the coming season. His engagements are in the Westchester and Saratoga cups, and sweepstakes for all ages at the latter meeting. He looks as fine and fresh as a three-year old, and has wintered remarkably well.

Following the Saratoga cup winner comes *Extra*, a chestnut horse, 6 years old by *Endorser*, dam *Nimbleta*, who in his four-year old form was a very successful racer at all distances. He was purchased by the Aneuswood Stable for $10,000; but going amiss, never started, and was knocked down for $1,000 to Mr. SANFORD at the auction sale of the Aneuswood stable. His new owner entertained hopes that he might stand a preparation this Spring, but his leg having commenced filling as soon as he was put into work, he will not train him, but keep him as a stallion, a purpose for which his fine pedigree, great looks, and brilliant racing performances admirably qualify him.

The bay filly now sweeping past is *La Polka*, a racing-like, well formed four-year old daughter of *Lexington* and *Dance*, by *Glencoe*. This filly won her only two-year old engagement, beating Bowin & HALL's filly *Australia* and another bay filly by Trustee. She has never trained, although unsuccessfully, last year, and we are inclined to think was never fairly up to the mark. She is engaged in the two handicaps—the Fordham Stakes and Jockey Club Handicap—at Jerome Park Summer Meeting, carrying in each race 100 pounds; and if she comes well to the post, she will be dangerous. She is also engaged in the Saratoga Cup and All-aged Sweepstakes. *Northumberland*, four years old, is looking remarkably well, but has no engagement; we think this colt will show to far better advantage than he has hitherto done, as he is a colt whose frame requires time to mature. *Hotspur*, a full brother to *Asteroid*, four years, is a powerful, muscular colt, but we are afraid will never rival the brilliant turf achievements of his famous brother. *Oberon*, a chestnut four-year old colt by *Lexington*, dam *Nightwatch* by *Glencoe*, is a powerful looking colt with the Bolly Stock and Mich quarters of the great sire upon him. He has not been trained before, and has no engagement.

MR. SANFORD has only two yearlings on his establishment at present, having only commenced breeding in a systematic way last year. Both these are fine fillies, and by his favorite horse *Loadstone*, out of *Scythian* and *Revenue* mares. Next season Mr. SANFORD's stock will have so increased in quantity that he will be able to supply in some measure the increasing demand for racing stock required by the numerous new accessions to the turf. We have omitted spotting several other horses belonging to the Preakness stud, but have confined ourselves to the principal ones, and those which are in training for their engagements during the coming campaign.

The Fisk Libel Suits.

From the Rochester Chronicle.

JAMES FISK, Jr., it is stated, has discontinued his libel suits against the Springfield Republican and NEW-YORK TRIBUNE. He had no doubt whatever, we suppose, that he would recover from each the sum of $100,000—which appears to be the price of everybody's character nowadays, and may be said to be a pretty good price, all things considered—but the sum is a small one to him, and not worth the trouble it would cost him to get it. He has still, however, suits pending against the NEW-YORK TIMES, and that journal doesn't propose to shirk the responsibility. Yesterday's TIMES says: "We know of those who have tried. They allege damage to his character to the amount of a million and a quarter, a sum which, if recovered, will do something toward patching up his reputation, and may even bolster up his falling credit for a little longer. The amount claimed is certainly respectable. By means of swearing that he resides in Massachusetts, he has succeeded in bringing the suits in a Federal Court not overburdened with business, and presided over by a learned, able and industrious Judge; and now that the regular theatrical season is drawing to a close, Mr. FISK, Jr., can find leisure to attend to the suits and thus bring them to a speedy trial." Is not this libelous? Mr. FISK ought to increase his damages a few millions and then drive on just as fast as possible. In point of fact, he might very well afford to drop Erie and his theatres and make up his mind to live and die from his libel suits. He can accomplish one or the other with them, beyond a doubt.

Libel Suit.

From the Galena Gazette.

GOULD, FISK and LANE, of what is known as the Erie Railroad "ring," have sued the NEW-YORK TIMES for libel, damages $1,000,000! But these suits never seem to distress the leading New-York newspapers a great deal, and in this instance, THE TIMES, in addition to piling up and "rubbing in" some pretty outspoken general criticisms in addition to what had been already said, says it is clear the plaintiffs have based their estimate of damage on the influence of the accusants and not on the value of the character assailed.

Hicksite Friends Yearly Meeting.

The yearly meeting of the Hicksite branch of the Society of Friends began yesterday with devotional services at the meeting-house in Rutherford-place and West Twenty-seventh-street, both morning and afternoon. The attendance was large, though not equal to that of some previous years, and included a number of strangers.

At the Rutherford-place meeting remarks were made by THOMAS FOLK, FRANKLIN HAYS, JACOB TENNICK, and Dr. HALLOCK, of New-York; and J. J. CORNELL, of Rochester, N. Y., preached a long and eloquent sermon on the doctrine of original sin, which he explained according to the views of Hicksite Friends. He also made a feeling address to the young people of the Society, urging them to profess and practice Christianity in their daily lives.

LUCRETIA MOTT was expected to be present, but was prevented by sickness from leaving her home.

At the Twenty-seventh-street meeting addresses were made by ISRAEL DEAKES and ELIZABETH HAYLAND in the morning, and by J. J. CORNELL and other speakers in the afternoon. The before-mentioned speakers attended the other meetings in the latter part of the day.

The yearly meetings of Friends are an important feature of the season, and though few of "the world's people" attend them, they have many attractions to strangers. They will occupy during several days of the present week, and are attended by delegates from all parts of the United States, Canada and Great Britain, for the purpose of discussing the religious and business affairs of the Society. Twenty-five representatives the various quarterly and monthly meetings, which embrace smaller sections of country. It is customary for the visiting Friends to stay at the houses of private persons while in the city, so that their expenses are very slight, and a spirit of fraternal satisfaction is encouraged. Many former members of the Society who have joined other churches on account of marriage and other reasons, make a point of attending the yearly meetings, on account of their old associations; and a general renewal of early acquaintanceships takes place on these occasions.

The Friends are diminishing in England and the Eastern States, but in the West and Canada they are very flourishing, and have large meetings, mission and Sunday Schools, and many benevolent organizations. During the war they contributed liberally to the Hospitals and Sanitary Commission, and have been very much interested in the education of the freedmen.

The Hicksite branch of Friends are an off-shoot of the original or "Orthodox" body, and are more progressive in their views than the latter. They differ in a good deal among themselves in respect to their main principles of belief; but in most respects hold to nearly the same opinions as Unitarians. The members of the Society are remarkable for simplicity of manner and the practice of the humbler Christian virtues, particularly of humility, self-restraint and sweetness of disposition.

There will be a public religious meeting at both meeting-houses on Wednesday, beside private business meetings on Monday and Tuesday, at which the Indian question and other important matters will be discussed.

Coroners' Cases.

An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner FLYNN at the New-York Hospital, over the remains of DAVID CALLAHAN, a laborer, whose death was caused by injuries sustained a few days ago by a wall falling on him, at No. 409 Broadway, then in course of demolition.

The same Coroner was notified to hold another inquest at Bellevue Hospital, over the body of JOHN ROSENBERG, a boy aged 11 years, who died from the effects of injuries occasioned by a fall through the hatchway of the premises corner of College-place and Robinson-street.

Coroner SCHIRMER will hold an inquest to-day over the body of OWEN RILEY, aged 75, who fell recently at the Bull's Head Bank building, and sustained fatal injuries.

FRANCIS CURRIE, the boy who was run over by a locomotive on the Hudson River Railroad, corner of Fifteenth-street and Eleventh-avenue, died yesterday at Bellevue Hospital. An inquest will be held to-day.

The body of an unknown man was found drowned yesterday at Pier No. 41 North River, and was taken charge of by the Police.

MARY K. ROBINS, alias Ida Haley, a woman of ill-fame, who was led into that course of life through her seduction by an officer of the Police, was found on Friday evening in a free public stage by Officer MCCONNELL, of the Second Precinct, who is stationed at the Fulton Ferry. The woman was found in possession of a bottle containing Paris green, and as she died on Saturday night at the New-York Hospital it is supposed she committed suicide. Coroner FLYNN will hold an inquest to-day, Dr. SHINE in the meantime making a *post-mortem* examination.

Sudden Death of a Newspaper Writer.

Mr. NATHAN G. SHEPPARD, a gentleman who has for some time past been employed as a writer for different newspapers in this City, died very suddenly on Saturday evening. The deceased was a man of considerable talent. He resided at No. 370 East Broadway. He returned home on Saturday evening under the influence of liquor and died soon after, being removed to his room in a most pitiable condition. The landlady, Mrs. GOWEN, summoned a physician, who found that the patient was beyond all aid, death having already occurred. Coroner SCHIRMER has assumed charge of the case, and a *post-mortem* examination will be made by Dr. CURRAN at the Morgue prior to the necessary inquest. Mr. SHEPPARD was a native of the United States and 33 years of age.

Meteorological Report.

The following is the Central Park meteorological report for the week ending May 22, 1869: Barometer—Mean, 29.806 inches; maximum, at 7 A. M. May 21, 30.012 inches; minimum, at 3 P. M., May 16, 29.546 inches; range, .466 inches. Thermometer—Mean, 54.41°; maximum, at 3 P. M.,

ment in April and January may be thus stated:

	January.	April.
Deposits in gross	$[illegible]	$[illegible]
Less clearing items	142,455,[illegible]	123,[illegible]
Net deposits	$[illegible]	$[illegible]
Due to banks	[illegible]	[illegible]
To Treasury	12,[illegible]	12,[illegible]
Circulation	[illegible]	[illegible]
Demand liabilities	$[illegible]	$[illegible]
Coin and greenbacks	172,[illegible]	140,[illegible]
Per cent	[illegible]	[illegible]

The sales of Gold through Saturday were at 140¼@140¾ @140¾ @141 @141¾ @141¾ ₱ cent., establishing the decline noticed on Friday night of ¾ ₱ cent. from the top sales of Thursday and of Friday morning. There was less excitement in the Room than during any previous day of the week, although much interest continued to be manifested in the turn of the market. The Cash Gold is quite abundant. The Treasury Office received for week's Customs $1,[illegible], paid out $[illegible] for Gold Interest, and sold $1,000,000 on 20th inst. at 142.77@142.81 ₱ cent. The Banks make the trifling gain of $54,[illegible] on the Specie averages of the week and add $1,[illegible] to their Greenbacks. The Loans are up $777,[illegible], and the general line of Deposits $22,[illegible]. We have seldom of late had so steady a movement. Money closed on easy supply at 7 ₱ cent. to the Brokers, with frequent exceptions to the leading firms at 6 ₱ cent. The offerings were, perhaps, a little more free because of Saturday—loans of the day carrying two days' Interest, in place of one, over Sunday. The Foreign Exchanges are held firm by several of the leading Bankers, who are rather indifferent about drawing except at full rates, 109¼@109¾ ₱ cent. 60 days London, but most of the actual sales by other parties are at 109¼ ₱ ¾, 60 days, and 110@110¼ short sight.

The Import Entries for the past week including the Dry Goods return in our last paper, amount to $[illegible], against the total entries of $[illegible] same week last year. The Export Clearances of Domestic Produce amount to $[illegible], against $[illegible] same week last year. The Export of Specie amounts to $[illegible], against $[illegible] same week last year. The Customs of the week are $[illegible]. The receipts of Cotton, coastwise and by railroad, are 5,[illegible] bales. The number of emigrant passengers arrived during the week, 10,[illegible].

The Gold values of the Import Entries of Foreign Merchandise, at New-York, since July 1, 1868, are as follows, the figures being official to May 1, and since semi-official from the Custom-house—the entries of Foreign Specie being omitted:

July	$[illegible]	February	$[illegible]
August	[illegible]	March	[illegible]
September	[illegible]	April	[illegible]
October	[illegible]	May 1	[illegible]
November	[illegible]	May 8	[illegible]
December	[illegible]	May 15	[illegible]
January	[illegible]	May 22	[illegible]
Total to date since July 1	[illegible]		
Against same time 1868	[illegible]		
Increase since July 1	[illegible]		

The Currency value of the Exports of Domestic Produce and Miscellaneous Goods from New-York, since July 1, 1868, is as follows:

July	$[illegible]	February	$[illegible]
August	[illegible]	March	[illegible]
September	[illegible]	April	[illegible]
October	[illegible]	May 1	[illegible]
November	[illegible]	May 8	[illegible]
December	[illegible]	May 15	[illegible]
January	[illegible]	May 22	[illegible]
Total to date since July 1	[illegible]		
Against same time last year	[illegible]		
Decrease since July 1	[illegible]		
Gold, May 22, 1868	141 ¾ ₱ cent.		
Gold, May 22, 1869	139¾ ₱ cent.		

The Exports of Specie of all descriptions from New-York, since July 1, 1868, are as follows:

July	$[illegible]	February	[illegible]
August	[illegible]	March	[illegible]
September	[illegible]	April	[illegible]
October	[illegible]	May 1	[illegible]
November	[illegible]	May 8	[illegible]
December	[illegible]	May 15	[illegible]
January	[illegible]	May 22	[illegible]
Total since July 1	[illegible]		
Against same time last year	[illegible]		
Decrease since July 1	[illegible]		

The deliveries of California Gold and Silver at New-York since July 1, 1868, are as follows:

July	[illegible]	January	[illegible]
August	[illegible]	February	[illegible]
September	[illegible]	March	[illegible]
October	[illegible]	April	[illegible]
November	[illegible]	May 1	[illegible]
December	[illegible]	May 8	[illegible]
Total since July 1	[illegible]		
Against same time last year	[illegible]		
Decrease since July 1	[illegible]		

The following are the Customs Receipts in Gold and the Interest paid on the Public Debt in Gold, at the New-York office of the United States Treasury since July 1, 1868:

Customs received.		Gold interest paid.	
July	[illegible]	July	[illegible]
August	[illegible]	August	[illegible]
September	[illegible]	September	[illegible]
October	[illegible]	October	[illegible]
November	[illegible]	November	[illegible]
December	[illegible]	December	[illegible]
January	[illegible]	January	[illegible]
March	[illegible]	March	[illegible]
April	[illegible]	April	[illegible]
May 1	[illegible]	May 1	[illegible]
May 8	[illegible]	May 8	[illegible]
May 15	[illegible]	May 15	[illegible]
May 22	[illegible]	May 22	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]	Total	[illegible]
To date, 1868	[illegible]	To date, 1868	[illegible]

COURSE OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE FOR THE WEEK.

	May 22, '69.		
Amer. Gold Coin	139¾@141¾	139¾@141¾	139¾
Old U. S. 6s, 1881	121½@122¾	121½@122¾	110¾
U. S. 5-20s, 1865, old	119¾@120¾	119¾@120¾	110¾
U. S. 5 ₱ cents, 10-40s	109¾@110	109¾@110	109¾
New-York Central	181½@182¾	181½@182¾	181½
Rock Island	127¾@128¾	127¾@128¾	91¾
Michigan Southern	105¾@106¾	105¾@106¾	105¾
Hudson River	137¾@138¾	137¾@138¾	132¾
Northwestern	82¾@83¾	82¾@83¾	67
Fort Wayne and Chicago	155¾@156¾	155¾@156¾	102¾
Cleveland and Pittsburg	91¾@92¾	91¾@92¾	87¾
Reading	97¾@98¾	97¾@98¾	97¾
Northwestern Preferred	103¾@104¾		79
Ohio and Mississippi	23¾@23¾	23¾@23¾	20¾
Pacific Mail	91¾ with Div.	91¾ with Div.	88¾
St. Paul Preferred	87¾@88¾		78
St. Paul Common	78¾@79¾		66¾
Toledo and Wabash	70@71¾	69¾@70¾	48¾
Ohio Common	105¾@106¾		95¾
Mariposa Preferred	34¾@35		25

On the Stock Exchange the Public Funds again displayed much firmness in prices, but there was less doing than on Thursday and Friday, and the market closed quiet in the Afternoon. There was rather more firmness in the Southern State Bonds, and higher prices were made on the Vanderbilt Roads, Fort Wayne and some other of the Western lines. On the Miscellaneous list Pacific Mail gave way, after the 3 ₱ cent. Quarterly Dividend was quoted off. The price fell from 92 with Dividend to 88¾ Ex-Dividend. The Mariposa Stocks advanced to 50 for the Preferred and 24 for the Common.

No Boards were held at the Exchange after 2 o'clock P. M. In the Long Room and on the Street the following Afternoon quotations were made as compared with Friday night.

	Friday.	Saturday.
United States 10-40s	109¾	109¾
United States 5-20s of 1862	123	123
United States 5-20s of 1867	119¾	120
American Gold Coin	141¾	141¾
Bills on London, 60 days	109¼	109¼
New Bonds of Tennessee	66¾	66¾
Virginia Bonds, old	87¾	87¾
Missouri Bonds	80	80
North Carolina Bonds, new	54¾	55
New-York Central	182¾	182¾
Reading Railway	97¾	99
Chicago and Rock Island	126¾	126¾
Northwest Common	81¾	81¾
Northwest Preferred	104¾	104¾
Michigan Southern	105¾	105¾
Pittsburg and Fort Wayne	154	157¾
Cleveland and Pittsburg	92¾	94¾
Pacific Mail Company	91¾	*88¾
St. Paul Preferred	86¾	86¾
St. Paul Common	77	76¾
Toledo and Wabash	76¾	76¾
Ohio and Mississippi	20¾	20¾
Mariposa Preferred	49	50
Lake Shore	106¾	106¾
Hudson River	141¾	142¾
Louisiana Levee 6s	60¾	60

*Ex-dividend.

The following bids were made for the various Public Funds of the United States at the close of business:

6 ₱ cent. comp., 1881	122¾	5-20 comp., 1867	[illegible]
5-20 reg., 1862	117	5-20 comp., 1868	[illegible]
5-20 comp., 1862	123	5 ₱ cent. reg., 1871	[illegible]
5-20 comp., 1864	117¾	10-40 reg.	[illegible]
5-20 comp., 1865	119	10-40 comp.	[illegible]
5-20 comp., n. issue	120	6's Currency	107¾

And the following for the State Bonds:

Mo. 6 ₱ c. coupons, '77	101	Louisiana 6s levee bds.	60¾
Mo. 6 ₱ c. coupons, '79	101	California 7s	102¾
Indiana 5 ₱ c. new	99	Tennessee 6s	66
Michigan 6 ₱ c., '72	100	Alabama 5s	50
Michigan 6 ₱ c., '76	103	Alabama 8s	100¾
Tenn. 6s, ex cou.	66¾	N. Y. Sup. Pr'y Loan	110¾
Tenn. 6s, new bonds	66	N. Y. Common B. Loan	110¾
Virginia 6s, ex cou.	87¾	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '72	110
Virginia 6s, new bds.	87¾	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '73	112¾
Georgia 6s	89	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '74	112¾
Georgia 6 ₱ c. new bds.	92	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '75	112¾
North Carolina 6s	34¾	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '76	112¾
North Car. ex. n. bds.	34¾	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '77	112¾
Missouri 6s, ex. int.	81	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '78	112¾
Mo. 6s, No. 1 to 5	81	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '79	112¾
Louisiana 6s	72¾		

And the following for the City Bank Stocks:

New-York	120	Hanover	223¾
Manhattan	132	Metropolitan	162¾
Mechanics'	132	People's	103
Union	130	Nassau	112
Phenix	113	Market	110
Butchers' & Drovers'	127¾	Commonwealth	116
National	115	Imp. and Traders'	127
Leather Manufacturers'	244¾	Park	159
State of New-York	111	Central National	115
Commerce	126¾	First National	250
American Exchange	113	Fourth National	106¾
Chemical	286	Ninth National	113
Bank of North America	111		

And the following for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1883	96	Gal. & Chic. 2d M.	[illegible]
N. Y. Cen. 6s, R. Estate	95¾	Chi. & R. I. 1st M.	[illegible]
N. Y. C. & Hudson 7s	111	Chi. & R. I. 2d M.	[illegible]
Erie Pa 2d ind., 1879	84¾	Morris & Essex 1st M.	100
Erie Pa 2d ind., 1884	80	Morris & Essex 2d M.	84
Erie Pa. 6s ext. int.	78¾	Cleve. & Pitt. G. Fund	93¾
R. R. Y. & R. 1st, '70	98	N. J. Cen. 1st R.	[illegible]
H. R. 7s, 1st M., '76-'79	102¾	New-Jersey Central M.	100
Harlem 1st M.	98¾	P. Ft. W. & C. 1st M.	100
Mich. C. 5 ₱ ct. '72-'82	91	P. Ft. W. & C. 2d M.	80
Mich. C. 1st M. 6s, 1931	91	P. Ft. W. & C. 3d M.	[illegible]
C. R. & Q. 8 ₱ c. 1st M.	112	Cleve. & P. 1st M.	[illegible]
Mich. S. 7 ₱ c. int. bds.	86	Chi. & Alton R. 7's	[illegible]
M. S. & N. I. S. F. 7's	86¾	Chi. & Alton int.	[illegible]
Pac. R. 7s guar. by M.	93¾	Ohio & Miss. 1st M.	99
Ill. C. 7 ₱ cent. 1875	100	Dub. & Sioux C. 1st M.	[illegible]
Ill. C. & M. R. 1st M.	93¾	Mil. & St. P. 1st M. (n. iss.)	[illegible]
Alton & T. H. 1st M.	93¾	Mil. & St. P. 1st M. (old)	[illegible]
Alton & T. H. M. M. 1st M.	75	Mil. & St. Paul 1st M.	[illegible]
Alton & T. H. 2d M.	40	Mil. & St. P. L. & M. d.	[illegible]
Chi. & N. W. S. F.	97¾	Marietta & Cin. 1st M.	[illegible]
Chi. & N. W. int. bds.	[illegible]	C. & Chi. Dock 1st M.	[illegible]
Ham. & So. Pa. 1st G.	[illegible]	N. Y. & N. H. 6s	[illegible]
Ham. & St. Jo. Conv.	113	Col. Chi. & Ind. 1st M.	[illegible]
Lack. & Western bds.	91	Col. Chi. & Ind. 2d M.	[illegible]
Del., L. & W. 1st M.	[illegible]	Col. Chi. & Ind. 3d M.	[illegible]
Del., L. & W. 2d M.	[illegible]	Mem. Trustee Cert.	[illegible]
Pot. & W. 1st M. ext.	91	Atl. Dyt. & Imp'mt bds	97
Pot. & W. 2d M.	[illegible]	Cleve. P. & Ash. n. b.	[illegible]
Pot. & W. Equip. bds.	93	Cleve. P. & Ash. o. b.	[illegible]
Pot. & W. W. Coal & R.	72	Terre Haute 1st M.	[illegible]
Ot. West'n 1st M. '90	82	N. Jersey Cent. n. b.	[illegible]
Ot. West'n 2d M. '91	70¾	Lake Shore Div. bds.	[illegible]
Gal. & Chi. extended, '67	[illegible]		

The New-York Central Railroad Company have instructed their transfer agents, Messrs. Duncan, Sherman & Co., to open the transfer books at once.

The Bank of England.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The Bank of England is making a dead set against Secretary Boutwell by putting up the rate of discount; and as both sides are wealthy and have minds of gold to work on, it becomes a very interesting question to know who will get the best of it. Secretary Boutwell very rightly believes our bonds are cheap at present prices; and having more gold than he knows what to do with, proposes to buy one or two millions of them per week, which he has a perfect right to do; but the Bank of England has not only determined that her subjects shall take no more of our bonds, but shall also loose their grasp on what they have already, which she has no right to do, and so has put up the rate of discount, and threatens to smash them if they don't sell out. This little tilt between the Bank and Boutwell, as it stands now, is one of the nicest Bull and Bear moves we have had in many a year, and it is to be hoped that both sides have the pluck to keep it up two or three months at least, at the end of which time England will find we are capable of showing more sympathy than she gives us credit for. X.

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Parties who are occupying, or who may occupy, safes in the BURGLAR-PROOF vault of this Bank, are informed that two capacious safes, six feet, are set aside for the gratuitous storage of silver ware and other valuables while the owners are absent from the City.

To those desirous of obtaining the greatest security for their valuable papers, we would state that there are still a few safes to be rented in the safe deposit vault of this Bank.

☞ FIRST MORTGAGE SIX PER CENT. GOLD Bonds of the St. Louis and St. Joseph Railroad of Missouri.

We are now closing out the balance of this destitable security at the low price of 97¾, and accrued interest in currency.

These Bonds are limited to less than $14,000 per mile, and secured by a mortgage on the entire property of the Company, thus making the same one of the safest and most profitable securities for investment now in the market.

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☞ BANKING-HOUSE OF KISSAM & CO., NO. 9 Wall-st.—We offer for sale on favorable terms Government, State, City and Railroad "Public First Loan." These bonds are for $1,000 each, have forty-six years to run, and interest payable 1st January and July.

GENERAL MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, May 22, 1869.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been as follows:

Ashes, pkgs.	40	Pork, bbls.	[illegible]
Cotton, bales	[illegible]	Pork, pkgs.	[illegible]
Beef, bbls.	1,[illegible]	Lard, pkgs.	410
Flour, bbls.	12,[illegible]	Butter, pkgs.	2,[illegible]
Cornmeal, bbls.	[illegible]	Cheese, pkgs.	[illegible]
Corn, bushels	[illegible]	Tobacco, hhds.	9
Wheat, bushels	34,[illegible]	Stearine, pkgs.	41
Corn, bushels	20,[illegible]	Starch, pkgs.	5,[illegible]
Rye, bushels	16,[illegible]	Tobacco, hhds.	103
Oats, bushels	5,[illegible]	Molasses, hhds. & cs.	[illegible]
Peas, bushels	142	Whisky, bbls.	[illegible]
Malt, bushels	[illegible]	Wool, bales	[illegible]
Hops, bales	201	Oil Cake, pkgs.	[illegible]
Beans, bushels	3,[illegible]	Peanuts, bags	[illegible]
Rosin, bbls.	154	Rice, pkgs.	111
Petroleum, ref., bbls.	2,511		

The export clearances since our last, as reported at the Produce Exchange, Fire-street, have been as follows:

By the bark *Aragon*, for Antwerp—4,[illegible] (120,[illegible] gal.) bbls. Crude Petroleum.

By the bark *Freptun*, for Cork—68,1[illegible] gallons Crude Oil.

By the steamer *New-York*, for Bremen—179 bales Cotton; 1,[illegible] pounds Tobacco; 12 kegs Cheese; 12 bbls. Pork; 427 bales Hops; 400 boxes Extra Dyestuff; 264 bbl. Cheese; 28 tierces Beef.

By the ship *F. Corinna*, for Cuba—21,618 lbs. Lard, 671,[illegible] lbs. Tallow, 7,[illegible] Staves.

By the ship *W. H. Moody*, for Havre—[illegible] gallons Naphtha, 145,[illegible] gallons Crude Petroleum.

By the steamer *City of Brooklyn*, for Liverpool—[illegible] lbs. Cheese, 6 bbls. Bladders, 487 bags Nuts, 20 bales Furs, 1 case Skins, 669 bales Cotton, 2 bbls. Hominy, 5 cases Silk Lace, [illegible] lbs. Bacon, 1,110 lbs. Ham, 3 cases Sewing Machines, 124,700 lbs. Lard, 10 tierces Beef, 1 case Sundries, 6 bbls. Pumps, 1,[illegible] lbs. Beeswax, 18 bales Silk.

ASHES—Are in demand at $7 [illegible] for Pots, and $[illegible] for Pearls ₱ 100 lbs.

COFFEE—The market for Rio continues very quiet for all descriptions, buyers declining to purchase freely. We do not learn of any business. We quote: Java at 24c.@26c.; Maracaibo, 18¾c.@19¾c.; Laguayra, 18c.@19c.; Rio, 16c.@19c., in bond; Native Ceylon, 19c.@19¾c.; Jamaica, 14¾c.@16c.; St. Domingo, 16¾c.@18c.; Singapore, 22c.@23¾c.; Mocha, (in bulk,) 25c.@28c.; Cuba, Rio, 16c.@19c.; Manila, 20c.@18c.; Mexican, 16c.@18¾c.; Curacoa, 18c.@20c.; Angostura, 18c.@19c.; Savanilla, 14¾c.@16c., gold, ₱ lb.

COTTON—The market has been dull and prices have favored buyers. The adverse news from Europe and the decline in gold have checked the export demand. The sales have been 1,014 bales including 325 to spinners, 279 to speculators and 97 to exporters; of the above 324 were sold and seven for Forwarding. Delivery we hear of sales of 10 bales Low Middling, select July, at 27¾c. ₱ lb. The receipts have been 884 bales, and the export clearances, 707 bales. Messrs. CORNELL & SHEPHERD, in their circular of this morning, under date of week's business thus: "Our market for the week, under the advance in Gold, has been active, and prices have been easily maintained, closing quiet at the advance. Sales of 7,[illegible] bales have been made, and the supply has been equal to the demand, yet all the features of the market the stock of desirable Cotton on hand is small. The total sales for the week have been 7,[illegible] bales, including 1,911 bales to spinners, 1,[illegible] bales to speculators, 5,[illegible] bales to exporters, and 1,[illegible] bales in transit. Sales of average Middlings are now reported as follows: For June, the sales at 27¾c.; for July, 100 bales at 27¾c.; for November, 100 bales at [illegible]. The export to from this port for the week have been: To Liverpool, 4,[illegible] bales; to Havre, 1,[illegible] bales; to Bremen, [illegible] bales; to Hamburg, 300 bales. Total, 8,[illegible] bales. The sales from all ports for the week have been: To Liverpool, 29,110 bales; for the Continent, 14,[illegible] bales. Total, 43,[illegible] bales. The Dry Goods market dull; prices easier."

Closing Prices of Cotton This-day.

	Uplands.	Mobile.	N. O.	Texas.
Ordinary, ₱ lb.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Good Ordinary	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Low Middling	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Middling	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Movements of Cotton at this Port.

	Bales.
Receipts this far this week	[illegible]
Receipts previous week	[illegible]
Receipts since Sept. 1, 1868	[illegible]
Receipts since Jan. 1	[illegible]
Receipts year ending Sept. 1, 1868	[illegible]
Receipts year ending Sept. 1, 1867	[illegible]
Exports since Sept. 1, 1868	[illegible]
Exports since Jan. 1	[illegible]
Exports year ending Sept. 1, 1868	[illegible]
Exports year ending Sept. 1, 1867	[illegible]
Stock at this date	[illegible]

Movements in Cotton out of all the Southern Ports.

Receipts from Sept. 1, 1868, to latest mail date	[illegible]
Receipts from Jan. 1 to latest mail date	[illegible]
Receipts at all the ports year ending Sept. 1, 1868	[illegible]
Receipts at all the ports year ending Sept. 1, 1867	[illegible]
Stock at all the ports of the United States, Sept. 1, 1868	[illegible]
Exports from the commencement of the war, May 1, 1861, to Sept. 1, 1867	[illegible]
Exports from all the ports from Sept. 1, 1868, to latest mail date	[illegible]
Stock at all the ports latest mail date	[illegible]
Exports same time last year	[illegible]

Exports from all the ports year ending Sept. 1, 1868 [illegible]
Exports same time last year [illegible]
Estimated stock at the southern ports, including small crops [illegible]
Estimated stock same time last year [illegible]
Estimated stock at all ports, Aug. 31, 1868 [illegible]
1868 crop of cotton [illegible]
Receipts from same time in 1867 [illegible]
Crop of 1867-8 [illegible]
Crop of 1866-7 [illegible]

FLOUR AND MEAL—Receipts from Western States have been in quite moderate request at a shade easier and declining prices. Sales have been reported since our last of 8,[illegible] bbls., in lots, including very inferior to choice Superfine State and Western at $[illegible] 75; very inferior to good Extra State at $[illegible] 25; good to prime genuine Spring Wheat Extra State at $[illegible] 25@$[illegible] 50, and good to prime Spring brands of round-hoop Extra Ohio at $[illegible] 50@$[illegible] 50. Included in the sales have been 1,[illegible] bbls. Southern, for export, on private terms. We quote:

Superfine State and Western	$[illegible]
Extra State	[illegible]
Superfine Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, &c.	[illegible]
Extra Ohio, round-hoop, shipping brands	[illegible]
Extra Ohio, trade and family brands	[illegible]
Superfine Southern	[illegible]
Common to Fair Extra Southern	[illegible]

Southern Flour continues quiet at yesterday's prices; sales have been reported since our last of [illegible] bbls., at $[illegible] 50@$[illegible] 75 for common to good Baltimore, and $[illegible] for fair ordinary to very superior Extra. ₱ bbl. California Flour is quiet at $[illegible] 50@$[illegible] for Extra. ₱ 100 lbs., sales, 300 bbls. and sacks. Rye Flour has been in fair request and firmer. We quote at $[illegible] for Western, $[illegible] for very choice. ₱ bbl.; sales, 300 bbls. Corn-meal is in quiet request at $[illegible] for Western, $[illegible] for Jersey, and $[illegible] for Brandywine. ₱ bbl.; sales, 100 bbls.

GRAIN—Spring Wheat has been moderately active, but quoted off about 2c. ₱ bushel. Winter Wheat has been offered and purchased more freely at lower and irregular rates. Sales have been reported since our last of 99,[illegible] bushels including White Canada, in bond, and [illegible] 00; White Michigan at $1 [illegible]; Red and Amber Western (Winter) at $[illegible] 00@$1 [illegible]; Spring at $1 [illegible] 00@$1 [illegible]; No. 2 Spring at $1 [illegible] 00@$1 [illegible] 10, in store and afloat; and $1 [illegible] 10 ₱ bushel. Corn has been in fair demand, opening more firmly but closing in favor of buyers. Sales have been reported since our last, of 72,[illegible] bushels at 78c. @81c. for damp to very dry new Mixed Western; 80c.@81c. for old do.; in store; 82c. for local use; $[illegible] for Rejected; and [illegible] ₱ bushel. Nothing really new in Rye, Barley or Malt. Oats continue in good demand at about steady prices. Sales have been reported, since our last, of [illegible] bushels Western at 75c.@76c., chiefly at 75c. afloat; and State at 76c. ₱ bushel.

HAY—Bale Hay has been in demand and steadily at from 80c.@85c. for shipping, and 90c.@$1 [illegible] for Poor to Choice, for local use. ₱ 100 lbs. Straw is inquired for at 50c.@$1 10 for Long and Short ₱ 100 lbs.

HOPS—Have been in demand at unchanged figures, including American at 8c.@10c. for New, and 3c.@5c. for Old. ₱ lb. We quote the old debtor this: Yearling State, &c. 9@10c.; Eastern, 8c.@9c.; Wisconsin, 5c.@8c.; Michigan, 5c.@8c.; Yearlings, all grades, 3c.@5c. ₱ lb. The receipts were [illegible] bales; export clearances, 417 bales.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The elections for members of the Corps Legislatif began in France yesterday. No serious trouble is yet reported.

Minister WASHBURNE was yesterday presented to NAPOLEON by General DIX.

Rumors are current in Spain that Prince AUGUSTUS of Portugal is to be offered as a candidate for the throne, and that he is to marry a daughter of the Duke of MONTPENSIER.

A great meeting, at which, it is said, nearly two hundred thousand people were present, was held in Belfast, Ireland, yesterday, to protest against the disestablishment of the Irish Church.

A dispatch from London says that the news of the rejection of the St. Thomas Treaty by the United States Senate causes "much irritation" at Copenhagen.

GENERAL.

Advices from Mexico to the 6th inst. have been received. The end of the revolution in Sinaloa had been officially announced. The Government troops had attacked the forces of PRONINCIADOS in the mountains, completely dispersing them, and killing PALMERAS and four subordinate chiefs, with others. The total number killed was sixteen; fifty-eight were taken prisoners. General CONORA was daily expected from Durango with reinforcements. Another uprising was anticipated, with General PLACIDO VEGA as leader.

The steamer *China*, which arrived at San Francisco on Thursday, from Hong Kong April 19, and Yokohama the 26th, brings news of a terrible drought in and around Pekin, which, unless soon ended by rain, would very seriously damage the crops. The Emperor was visiting the temples daily and offering prayer for rain.

A two-thirds' majority of the Dominion House of Commons have decided that the salary of the Governor-General shall be $50,000.

The bill authorizing the lease of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad to the Boston, Hartford and Erie road has been passed by the Massachusetts Senate. It has been announced on the floor of the Senate by the Chairman of the Investigating Committee that the charges of corruption brought against the Boston, Hartford and Erie have not been sustained by the evidence produced.

The freight building of the Hudson River Railroad at Hudson, N. Y., was entirely destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. The loss is about $10,000, and insurance $2,000. The fire was an incendiary's work.

It is announced that the public debt statement for May will show a decrease in the debt of seven millions.

A large and formal meeting of the Pennsylvania coal-miners was held in Scranton on Saturday, to consider the question of suspension. After discussion, a vote was taken, and 202 voted for suspension and 400 against. This vote is considered decisive.

The schooner *Packet*, from Franklin, Me., for Boston, foundered at sea, fifteen miles northeast of Cape Cod, recently. The tugboat *H. F. Howell*, from New-York, for Boston, fell in with her and took off the crew, and landed them at Boston.

The "fastest time on record" between California and Massachusetts has been made by a gentleman who arrived in Boston on Saturday from San Francisco, having accomplished the journey in seven days and eleven hours, including seventeen hours' detention on the way.

A man has been fined $100 in New-Orleans for selling Havana Lottery tickets, notwithstanding the fact that the Legislature of Louisiana has incorporated a home lottery company.

Mr. NATHAN PRATT, of Arlington, Mass., has offered to give $10,000 for the foundation of a home for aged and indigent women in Fitchburg, Mass., if an equal sum can be raised there by subscription for the same purpose.

In St. Louis, on Thursday last, a heavy iron safe, weighing fully 1,500 pounds, fell upon three workmen who were engaged in hoisting it into a building, owing to the snapping of the rope, and killed two of them and badly wounded the third.

A company has been organized to build a railroad from Eugene, Kansas, to Holden, Mo. This will put Southern Kansas in connection with St. Louis by a route a hundred and fifty miles shorter than the line connecting the same region with Chicago. From Eugene southwest, the contemplated road will pass through the Osage Indian lands to Albuquerque, New-Mexico. This line, it is said, will traverse some of the finest agricultural and grazing land on the continent.

One MICHAEL HUMES has commenced a singular suit in the Circuit Court at St. Louis. It is against his guardian, a man named JAMES GRAHAM. He alleges that he was placed under GRAHAM's care when he was only 8 years of age, and instead of being sent to school was made to work on a farm. He continued this work for ten years, or from 1858 to 1868, when he left. He is now, he says, unable to either read or write, and he asks $6,000 for the work he performed during the ten years, and $6,000 damages for the alleged neglect in not sending him to school.

Two or three important resolutions were adopted at the final session of the Commercial Convention at Memphis. One of these requests Congress to put the telegraph system of the country under the control of the Postmaster-General; and another requests Congress to prohibit the building of any bridge on the Mississippi above the mouth of the Missouri less than four hundred feet span, or on the Ohio below Pittsburg less than three hundred feet span.

The Supreme Court of Tennessee is investigating a case at Brownsville, which involves the right of the Governor to set aside registration under the old Franchise law.

One JOHN W. READ, residing near Lynchburg, Va., in a fit of passion, pounded his mother with a heavy stick a few nights ago, and injured her so severely that she died the next day. READ has been arrested and committed to jail to await his trial for murder at the August term of the County Court.

CROATE, the alleged "Fire-bug," of Newburyport, Mass., has signed an affidavit denying all knowledge of the letters confessing the crime and the way in which the "bug" operated, alleged to have been written by him, and which have been regarded as bearing directly on the case.

JAMES BROOKS, a wife poisoner in the Connecticut State Prison, committed suicide by hanging himself in his cell sometime before light Saturday morning. He was serving out a sentence for the murder of an old man named BRADLEY, who kept a small jewelry store in Hartford, on Thanksgiving night, 1867.

The *Silver Wave*, a small passenger steamer, plying on the Schuylkill, between Philadelphia and Manayunk, capsized and sunk yesterday afternoon. The steamer was crowded with ladies and children, who all, with the exception of one child, fortunately escaped, the water being shallow.

At a recent meeting of a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, in Washington, to consider the question of decorating the graves of the Confederate dead with flowers on Sunday next, in common with those of the soldiers of the Union, it was resolved that while they bore no malice to the dead, they would not divide the honors by decorating Confederate graves, and thereby taint the character of those who sacrificed their lives for their country.

The week just opened is anniversary week in Boston. The regular anniversary meetings of the Unitarians and Universalists, and some of the Evangelical denominations, will be held, and also meetings of the Labor Reform League, the New-England Woman's Suffrage Association, the New-England Anti-Slavery Society, the Free Religionists, and the New-England Woman's Club.

The Hicksite Branch of the Society of Friends began their yearly meeting yesterday morning and afternoon, at the meeting-houses in Rutherford-place and Twenty-seventh-street. Business meetings for the discussion of the Indian question and other matters will be held today.

Rev. R. W. CHIDLAW, of the Lancaster, Ohio, Farm School, preached yesterday to the inmates of the House of Refuge on Randall's Island.

An adjourned meeting of Californians, residents of the Pacific slope, and all others interested in the celebration of the completion of the Pacific Railway, will be held at the Metropolitan Hotel this evening, 24th inst., at 8 o'clock.

The President and Georgia.

We can readily believe that General GRANT does not entirely coincide with Mr. BUTLER as to the means to be employed for the suppression of alleged outrages in the Southern States. The Massachusetts member has a sovereign contempt for whatever stands in the way of his purposes; and it is not surprising, therefore, that he proposes to achieve partisan supremacy in the South, without stopping to consider the legality or constitutionality of his action. The President is fortunately a different man. He will think before acting; and very little thought is necessary to satisfy him that his powers are restrained in a manner fatal to the adoption of the Butler programme.

So far as Virginia, Texas and Mississippi are concerned, his authority under the Reconstruction acts is sufficient for any emergency. He there exercises a control which renders the enforcement of law, by military agencies, comparatively easy. But these are not the States to which Mr. BUTLER's prescription is intended to apply. He does not venture to allege that Virginia is less orderly, less law-abiding than Essex County, Massachusetts. What he proposes is aimed at Georgia. Whenever a murder is committed there, we are told, "he would call on the inhabitants of the district for the apprehension of the perpetrator within a specified time, and, in the event of a non-compliance, would take military possession of the place." The President, however, cannot forget that Georgia is a reconstructed State, and that neither under the law nor the Constitution has he the right, uninvited, to interfere. He must act toward Georgia as he would act toward New-York; for though the validity of Georgia's reconstruction is impugned by Mr. BUTLER, the bill he reported on the subject was not acted upon by the House. In the eye of the President, then, Georgia is the equal of Massachusetts in respect of constitutional rights. And these rights obstruct the BUTLER plan of interference. Assuming that outrages are committed in the State, they involve no conflict with Federal authority; they are simply violations of the State laws, and are punishable only as such. The President may indeed interfere when the local executive officially reports his inability to uphold the law; but to this moment Gov. BULLOCK has made no such representation. Until he appeals for help, the President has no more business to meddle in the matter of a Georgia murder than to take the investigation of the ROGERS murder out of the hands of the New-York Police. The fact that Gov. BULLOCK has not solicited intervention proves one of two things: either the stories concerning crime in Georgia are partisan inventions, or at least partisan exaggerations, or the Governor, who does the work of the extremists, is unfit for his position. From either point of view, he is a bad man. For the inventions or exaggerations—if such the reports be—indicate the same mischievous influences which defeated the Fifteenth Amendment in the Georgia Legislature—with which influences the Governor is identified. And, on the other hand, if crime really is rampant—which we do not believe—the Governor is guilty of a gross dereliction of duty in failing to bring the criminals to punishment—if need be, with the help of the Washington authorities.

What is first wanted is a trustworthy statement of facts with regard to the nature and amount of crime in Georgia; and we doubt not that upon this point the President will require other testimony than Mr. BUTLER's. The Augusta dispatch published yesterday shows that little reliance should be placed upon statements tracing grave offences to political causes. A sensation story, embracing two murders, is now declared by its author to have been written under misinformation. It is quite possible that careful investigation will show other and similar narratives to be equally unreliable. The murder of Dr. ADKINS is now attributed to a disgraceful life rather than to politics; and the man FAY, who tried to kill a colored mistress, and succeeded in killing himself, is another illustration of the personal worthlessness of those who pander to the partisan appetite of Mr. BUTLER and his friends. The best thing the President can do is to discard these suspicious sources of information, and to ascertain by careful and thorough scrutiny the whole truth touching Georgia and its people. The difficulties incident to intervention will remain, whatever be the result of the inquiry. But the country will at any rate be enabled to estimate accurately the position of affairs in the State, and to pronounce a just verdict as between Mr. BUTLER and the people he arraigns.

City and Country Transit.

Our people certainly have very bad luck in their attempts to secure easy, speedy and cheap transportation from one part of the City to another. We have been for a long time indulging hopes of an underground railroad, on which cars could be run from one end of the island to the other, drawn by steam, at a high rate of speed and a low rate of fare. Last year a company to build such a road was chartered, but took no steps toward building it, on account, as was alleged, of trifling defects in the charter. Last Winter these defects were cured, and behold the amended charter turns out to be a different thing altogether. Instead of providing for an underground road, it gives the Company power to make it a surface road wherever they please; and instead of being propelled by steam, the use of steam wherever it is a surface road, is expressly forbidden. Of course, therefore, steam cannot be used at all. And instead of going the whole length of the island, the Company may stop at Forty-second-street if they choose,—as of course they will. The parties who secured the amended charter for this Company are certainly adepts in the art of lobbying, and in the kindred art of cheating the hopes and expectations of the public.

Then we had hopes, if everything else failed, of the Two-Tier Road, which was perfectly feasible, and promised to give us cheap and quick locomotion, on fair and proper terms. The bill passed one House, and the other also with a slight amendment, in which the other branch at once concurred. But the message announcing this concurrence seems to have been stolen, or to have miscarried on its way; so that the Governor could not sign the bill. And so that plan falls through.

Under these untoward circumstances the prospect of getting any law that will give us some mode of speedy transit from the City to the rural districts by which it is surrounded, does not seem very flattering.

Our Harbor Defenses.

The remarkable artillery experiments conducted last Autumn, at Forts Monroe and Delaware, under the superintendence of the Engineer Corps, passed a significant comment on the project of combining iron with masonry in the construction of our forts. The havoc made with the targets was striking; and, although the result would have been more agreeable, we presume, had there been anything to praise in the *defensive*, the offensive carried off all the honors. Nevertheless, it should seem that the impression thereby produced of the power of the guns was somewhat exaggerated by reason of the inferior character of the iron which composed the targets. We are informed that a piece of this iron, about twelve inches in breadth and depth, and several feet in length, was lately placed in the large hydraulic press at the Brooklyn Navy-Yard, and fractured transversely, in the presence of Generals BARNARD, CULLUM, and other distinguished officers, who have given attention to the question of covering our forts, if practicable, with wrought-iron plates.

The behavior of the iron when struck by shot, during the artillery experiments, presaged that which was visible under hydraulic pressure, in which latter case the iron is said to have bent through but a comparatively small angle before it fractured—so that it would seem, if this be true, that whatever the intrinsic qualities of the metal, the iron had not been so manufactured as to give the qualities which are absolutely necessary for armor-plates.

It is now understood that the officers who have been experimenting are convinced that the thickness of iron requisite to protect our forts against the most powerful artillery is so great as to make its cost enormous, and the device itself impracticable. It seemed to us, in commenting on the experiments already alluded to, that this was a safe conclusion to reach; and we may all therefore be very well satisfied that a vast expense which would otherwise have been entailed, is not now to be incurred. The question of harbor defence has not, it is true, thereby become less perplexing; but we are not under the necessity of relying for protection exclusively on immovable forts.

Among the minor, but not unimportant points connected with this subject of coast-wise defence, is that of gun-carriages. To this some attention has been directed in times past, and more, when there is leisure for it, may be profitably directed to it hereafter. In general, the gun-carriages of the heavier guns in our forts are not able to stand a proper and adequate charge of the guns. An order from the War Department last year directed, we believe, that the service charge in these guns should be diminished; but that did not alter, though it may have partly obviated, the fault in question. A suitable gun-carriage, we may hope, will eventually be selected for the forts, especially if it be true, as has been asserted, that the gun-carriage at Fort Hamilton, on which the twenty-inch gun is now mounted, is such as abortive affair as to be beneath engineering criticism.

The Memphis Convention—The South and Its Commercial Future.

The Commercial Convention just held at Memphis is one of many signs of the improving spirit which is visible throughout the Southern States. It is one of a series of efforts made or to be made by that section to promote the development of its resources, the increase of its population, and the realization, as far as may be, of industrial and commercial independence. The organization of a railroad system that shall secure to the South direct communication with the Pacific, and complete the means of intercommunication between the interior of the Southern States and the seaboard, is among the prominent objects of the movement. Another is the establishment of steamship lines from Southern ports to Europe—a project already partially in shape, and one that will assume magnitude when converging lines of railroad finally determine the supreme position for which some half dozen ports now contend. A third object is the completion of arrangements, not so much to organize emigration in foreign countries as to facilitate the cheap and comfortable transportation to Southern points of all proceeding thither in search of homes, whether arriving from abroad or from other parts of the Union. In a body so large, so essentially representative in its character, a multitude of topics naturally came up for discussion; but these relate most obviously to that growth of material interests which now happily engages the attention of the South.

The early construction of a Southern Pacific Railroad would seem to be already assured. The road just opened will not long be a monopoly. Its construction amid great difficulties, and the influence it is exerting upon the region it traverses, are circumstances that will stimulate other projects. As between the Northern Pacific and the Southern Pacific routes, there can be no comparison—so manifestly superior is the latter in its natural resources and advantages, and so much more direct and profitable in its connection with the sea-board. Climatic considerations are equally in favor of the Southern line as compared with that *via* Omaha and Salt Lake. A second road, therefore, is a question of time only; and with its construction will come profits and importance to tributary and connecting roads which the Southern States, despite their difficulties, are now pushing forward.

The question of direct trade with Europe at the first glance looks like a mere revival of a scheme which was a favorite topic of talk among Southerners before the war. There were Direct Trade Conventions long ago, and agents were sent to Europe to promote their object. It always happened, however, that the brilliant programme came to naught—the agent returned reporting great encouragement; and then the whole thing quietly collapsed. We do not recall the fact as conclusive against the purpose at present entertained. For between then and now differences are traceable which render former efforts of little value as criteria in the determination of present probabilities. Before the war the South was financially and commercially subordinate to the North. The reign of cotton was political; in all other respects it was the subject of Northern capital. And it was so in part because the planters as a class lived a year in advance of their income. Wealthy and potential as they were, they were everlastingly in debt; and as the creditor controlled the avenues and outlets of trade, he was enabled to circumvent the various feeble movements for establishing more direct intercourse between the grower of cotton and his European customer. There were other causes of failure in the absence of railroad facilities, and in the tendency to make the roads subsidiary to Northern interests.

Things have materially changed in all these respects, and from their altered condition proceeds the real significance of the movement on foot for direct trade with Europe from Southern ports. The legacy inherited by the planters from the war is not unmixed evil. They have lost slave labor, and have lived face to face with poverty; but from the unwelcome school they have emerged with a self-reliance to which they were previously strangers, and with a freedom from debt which enables them to mature their business arrangements for the future with strict reference to the interests and purposes of their own section. There is still one limitation, however, which cannot be overcome by the mere resolves of the Memphis Convention or the mere wishes of the planters. Direct trade from Southern ports implies the establishment of new lines of steamships; and these again imply the command of capital. It is not difficult to conceive of plans by which these ends might be attained, for cotton on this side of the Atlantic might be made the partner of cash capital on the other. But the capacity of the mercantile element at the South so to organize planters and merchants as to produce practical results on the scale required, remains to be tested. It has made a good show at Memphis, and by adroit management it may even secure the cooperation of Northern capital. But the achievement of success is contingent upon a combination of influences so varied in their nature, that more than common energy and sagacity are needed to avert a repetition of former failures.

Whatever be the precise work of the gathering at Memphis, the gathering itself is suggestive of a hopeful industrial and commercial future for the South. The composition of the Convention entitles it to respectful attention; and its proceedings—judging of them from the meagre reports that have appeared—indicate reasonable objects and practical methods of promoting them. We see the South in its reconstructed aspect—using the term in relation to means for developing material prosperity, and without any reference to political considerations. The latter were wisely discarded by the delegates, who, representing all shades of political opinion, appear to have been animated by a common purpose in the endeavor to repair the ravages of war,—to secure for the South the full benefit of its commanding position and of the magnificent resources with which it is endowed.

Spaniard and Cuban.

We have exhausted the vocabulary of vituperation, and very properly too, in denouncing the more ferocious of the proclamations attributed to the Spanish commanders in Cuba—LERSUNDI, DULCE, VALMASEDA and so on—and have invoked all the cruel tyrants of history from DOMITIAN down to furnish us forth with historic parallels to their savagery. And yet, if we may believe the late Havana telegram, the Cuban President himself is guilty of the same fierce and bloody mode of warfare. Three months ago a pretended proclamation of CESPEDES was published, declaring that "no neutrality will be recognized," that "all persons would be considered as friends or enemies" except neutral foreigners, and that "those who have voluntarily done the Spanish Government or its officials any service *will be executed*, irrespective of person."

This ferocious mandate was promptly pronounced spurious; and that it was so its very terms were a sort of proof,—it being horrible to suppose that, with the very small head the rebellion had made in the middle of January, such an order for slaughter could be issued. Now, the Havana telegram again insists that this document is genuine—and points out that it was issued five weeks before the terrible proclamation of VALMASEDA. It not only provides, we are told, for confiscation, but declares:

"*Every prisoner who has voluntarily fought against the revolution shall be executed, but soldiers of the regular army may expect clemency according to the circumstances.*"

For ourselves, we utterly discredit the authenticity of this pretended proclamation. It would argue that CESPEDES was not only a savage but a madman; for certainly nothing could alienate the sympathies of humane nations more than such an order. The cry of "no quarter" is a disgrace to the civilized nation that sanctions or suffers it. It is clear, however, that hitherto the laws of war have been observed by both parties in Cuba to a greater extent than savage proclamations, whether the genuine or the spurious, would seem to indicate.

The Efforts of Portugal to Abolish Slavery.

The Kingdom of Portugal has followed in the footsteps of its larger though younger sister, the United States. By a Royal decree of the 25th of February last, published in the official gazette on the 27th of the same month, the abolition of slavery is declared in all the Portuguese Colonies. All slaves are to be considered free and in a condition similar to that of Chinese laborers who by their own act have bound themselves to labor in the English and French Colonies. This is to be their condition until April 29, 1878, when, in accordance with the decree of April 29, 1858, they will be entitled to all the rights and privileges of Portuguese citizens, and all engagements and contracts which may have been made by them in their former condition will thenceforth be null and void.

The Portuguese Government has ever used its best endeavors to put a stop to the slave trade, both by the establishment of naval stations on the coasts of Africa and by the faithful execution of the treaty of 1842 with Great Britain, the terms of which are similar to our slave trade treaties with that Power. Carrying out strictly the provisions of this treaty, and sincerely devoted to its humane principles, the Portuguese Government has found no sacrifice too great to put a stop to this infamous traffic, though the difficulties it encounted were very great.

For many years the abolition of slavery has found able and untiring champions in the Portuguese Parliament, such as the Marquis DE SA BANDEIRA, now President of the Council of Ministers, and the Counts DE LAVRADIO and DE AVEILA. The Marquis especially has for many years past sustained the same principles as those advocated by Lord BROUGHAM in the British Parliament and CHARLES SUMNER in our own Senate.

A series of laws in regard to this subject prove how desirous Portugal has ever been to see slavery abolished in its colonies. A decree of Dec. 14, 1854, declared that

"'All slaves belonging to the Government shall be free,' and ordered that 'the names of all other slaves shall be registered within thirty days, at the expiration of which time all slaves whose names have not been presented or inserted in said register shall be considered as free.'"

By compensating his owner, every slave had the right to acquire his own freedom. The emancipated slaves, together with their children, were placed under the protection of the Government, represented by commissions established in the several capital cities of the transmarine colonies, and of which the Bishop of the diocese was to be the permanent President.

On the 24th of July, 1856, a law was promulgated declaring free all children thereafter born of female slaves in Portuguese colonies. Of course the effects of this law would have been the eventual abolition of slavery, even if no other measures for that purpose had been adopted. But, by the decree of April 29, 1858, of which we have already spoken, the total abolition of slavery in the Portuguese colonies was fixed for 1878.

All these measures prove the sincere desire of Portugal to put an end to slavery, and it is not without interest to observe how this country endeavored centuries ago to better the condition of a class which only many years later became the subject of the humane sentiments and civilizing efforts of other more powerful nations.

On the 20th of March, 1570, the King of Portugal ordered

"That the savage natives of Brazil and other conquered countries should be treated and considered as free men, without being in any mode or manner captives, excepting those who were taken in lawful warfare or who continued to assail the Portuguese for the purpose of cannibalism."

The law of August 22, 1587, declared

"That the Indians who worked on existing farms not be retained there as slaves, but should be perfectly free as long as they remained."

The law of September 10, 1761, enacted

"That all natives who were in captivity at that time should be set at liberty and be free." The law of April 1, 1680, declared "That thenceforth no Indians should be enslaved, not even in the cases excepted by former laws."

Finally, with special reference to the African race, the dates of the following laws show how early Portugal was animated by those Christian sentiments which have gradually brought about the abolition of slavery.

The law of Sept. 19, 1761, declared that all black slaves coming henceforth to the ports of the Kingdoms of Portugal and Algarve, from America, Spain or Asia, shall be free. The Royal order of Jan. 2, 1767, extended this beneficent measure to mulattoes of both sexes, who had not been included in the preceding law.

Finally, the law of Jan. 16, 1773, enacted

"That the children of all slaves born thereafter in the Kingdoms of Portugal should be free and be capable of holding office, honors and dignities without that stigma left upon freedmen which the superstition of the Romans had established in their customs, and which Christianity and civil society now render intolerable in the Kingdom."

We have endeavored to present to our readers these meritorious acts so honorable to a nation which, though limited in its resources and small in its extent, was at one time a first-class maritime Power, whose seamen were the pioneers among discoverers. The learned RICHARD HENRY MAJOR, in his *Life of Prince Henry of Portugal*, published in London in 1868, draws a vivid picture of the first days of that epoch in which Portugal created Empires and founded great cities at a distance of six thousand miles across the sea, and when, with the flag of the Cross and of Civilization floating at the stern of its galleons, it opened the way of discovery to the other nations of the world.

Our Cheap Cabs.

Everybody is exulting over the fact that the Legislature has chartered a Cab Company for this City, and it certainly is something to be thankful for. But this alone will not give us the cabs, and yet it is the only thing *done* as yet towards securing that very desirable result. We hear of no company organized under the law,—of no money subscribed to carry it into effect, and, above all, of no cabs in process of construction. For all the public knows, the privileges conferred by the law may have been sold out, to the hack drivers and livery stable keepers, already in possession of the business. If we are to have the cabs in real earnest, it is about time the public had some assurance or some information concerning the steps taken to secure that end. Can the parties interested tell us anything about the matter?

MINOR TOPICS.

It has been intimated, and we should not be surprised to find the intimation acted upon, that the rural Republicans will give up governing New-York City as a bad job, and that they will soon be ready to recommit it *in toto* to the tender mercies of the Ring. The ground is that "as heaven helps those who help themselves," so the political heaven of our day (*i. e.*, the Albany Legislature) will not help New-Yorkers, because they habitually elect such people as they do to represent them in the Legislature. We do not, we are told, "help ourselves;" and hence the helping hand at Albany may be withdrawn. But is the general rule a good one? Surely the Tammany ring "help themselves," and very abundantly; but is it "heaven," therefore, that helps *them*? We fear their stimulus comes from the other quarter.

We are heartily grieved to hear that the lately bellicose Arrapahoes and Cheyennes are peacefully returning to their old reservations in the southeastern corner of Colorado. It is "a most lame and impotent conclusion" to the Indian war. It will be vastly cheaper in money and the lives of white men if, instead of allowing these Indians to sit down in the very pathway of the California and New-Mexico emigrants, the Government will send them further south to reservations more remote from the path of Western travel and traffic. The settlers want and will have this land on which these tribes subsist. If they are not taken out of the way frequent collisions between them and the settlers, invariably precipitated by the aggressions of the latter, will defeat the efforts of the Quakers and the President to Christianize and civilize these unfortunate wretches.

The President's proclamation sets the Government right with its workmen, and the concession will be accepted as a handsome set-off against the old custom of making them forfeit a day's wages whenever any holiday occurs throughout the year. There are five or six of these holidays, and every Government workman who enjoys them, more or less, pays from $10 to $20 per annum for the privilege. There are few of them, however, who would not rather work for the usual daily pay; and there is not one of them who would not have a more comfortable sense of national rejoicing or national glory, if he could only get the cash without the work, in honor of the holiday. Some of these men, like LAFONTAINE's cobbler, think there are too many holidays, under the circumstances.

The Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, who have charge of decorating the graves of the dead Union soldiers in the Buffalo cemeteries, has declined to change the day from the Sabbath to some less sacred day of the week. At the instance of a clergyman from Buffalo, the New School Presbyterian Assembly, on Saturday, passed a resolution requesting the managers here to change the day, and urgently protesting against "the desecration of the Sabbath for such a purpose." We hope, for two reasons, that the change will not be made by the Committee in charge of the matter. In the first place, it is a solemn and beautiful ceremony as fitted to be performed on the Sabbath as is the burial service. In the second place, there are many thousands of laboring men and women in the Metropolis who would take a melancholy pleasure in this duty if the Sabbath is devoted to it, but who cannot in justice to the living give a laboring day and its wages in order to honor the dead.

Governor HOFFMAN has wisely declined to sign the bill providing for the erection of a public market in the Twenty-first Ward. New-York has already too much money invested in mismanaged markets, producing an inadequate income that is frequently misapplied. The $5,000,000 of market property now owned by the City ought to be sold, and the market business thrown open to private enterprise. Then our markets, as those of other but less governed cities, would be built where they are needed, and not sustained at a heavy direct expense in taxes and an immense indirect expense in commissions paid by producers and consumers to middlemen, at the very points where they are not only of no use, but where they are a positive disadvantage in obstructing the streets and interfering with business. If our present market system was abolished, private enterprise would build markets near enough to the residences of our citizens to enable them to go in person for their table supplies, thus doing away in a large measure with the services of the green grocers, to whom producers selling and consumers buying in this market now pay annually a tax aggregating $2,000,000. All on account of the inconvenient locality and false management of the markets. By all means let them be sold.

In giving an account of the late "victory" of Lenza, a Spanish paper, the *Diario*, says that "the number of killed rebels was 2,000; our loss, eight killed and twenty-four wounded." That may do very well to tell to the Spanish armies, but it will not do for us. That is precisely the way we used to kill our rebels—in a proportion of 2,000 to 8—and they used to kill us on paper in just the same ratio. After a while, we got to be more reasonable and credible—and so no doubt, in time, will the *Diario*.

Appleton's Journal complains that there are no writers of "good short stories" in America, and thinks that such a style of composition should be a feature in American journalism. So it is. Capital short stories may be found in every issue of the daily papers of this City—tales, too, with the recommendation of being true—tales whose incidents and characters if put forth under the guise of fiction, would be declined by the magazine editors as incredible and unnatural, or if printed by them would be pronounced absurd and untrue by their readers. There is plenty of talent of the description mentioned in this City, to supply the magazines with far better stories, for American consumption, than they purloin from the English magazines; but this talent, like other qualities, very naturally seeks the best market—that is, the daily press, whose rates of payment are practically more than double those of the magazines. The same labor which devoted to the construction of a short story brings the writer $40, will, if devoted to reporting or editorial writing on one of the principal New-York newspapers, return him from $75 to $100. Hence there are no short story writers of very marked ability at work for the magazines except those regularly retained at good salaries or high rates of payment.

Why widen Broadway from Thirty-fourth-street to Central Park? It is certainly not because the thoroughfare at that point is crowded, or ever likely to be. At the points named, and, indeed, from Fourteenth-street northward, Broadway is merely a convenient cross-town route. It is not the central avenue of the upper part of the City as it is of the lower part, and can never need widening as the crowded southern half of the street already does. There is no good and sufficient reason for this questionable improvement, unless it be that some large property holders have a "job" involved, when, of course, the improvement will be made.

The thorough exposure of the bogus strike of the coal miners has led to its failure and partial abandonment. The Scranton miners, fearful of the fate of their fellows in other parts of Pennsylvania, have voted by a positive majority not to suspend work in order to advance the price of coal. The arguments which the coal operators and miners advance in justification of the strike are curious enough, and would be perfectly justifiable if there was no third party—the consumers—who have rights that are to be respected. It appears by an explanation volunteered by a coal operator, whose communication we published yesterday, that if prices are not maintained in the Summer the miners cannot have good wages in the Winter; and hence they strike every Summer in order that prices may be sustained. It may appear strange to the coal men, but to this the consumers decidedly object. And they object also to the tariff which gives the coal operators of Pennsylvania the power to make such means of advancing and maintaining prices partially successful in defiance of all efforts on the part of consumers. The exposure of the schemes of the coal men is a strong argument in favor of free trade in coal.

The Emperor NAPOLEON in his early days was an enthusiastic student of engineering science and an engineer of no mean acquirements; and since his elevation to the throne has shown himself constantly the friend, patron and promoter of all ingenious inventions, and especially of all enterprises embodying the science of construction in public ways and works of all kinds. It is no mere empty compliment, then, that has been offered him by the London Institution of Civil Engineers in electing him an honorary member of that body; and the cordial reception which the Emperor gave the Committee who bore to him official information of it, meant, doubtless, more of genuine pleasure and cordiality than could be found in most international forms of courtesy.

In a late letter from Mr. MORSE, our Consul at London, he urges very strongly the employment of iron grain barges in this country. They have recently come into use on the Danube, Don, Dniester, Vistula and other rivers. It is well for Western merchants to keep an eye to all improvements of this kind, lest the competition from Russia, Prussia, Austria, Hungary, Turkey, Egypt and other wheat-growing countries for the supply of the European market, may avail, by reason of the cheaper transit, over the enormous productiveness of our great Valley of the Mississippi.

The several members of the Brooklyn Board of Education may be—we trust they are—able to present a defence which will justify them in their conduct of the public schools, and satisfy the tax-payers, who have evidently been sadly swindled by somebody. But nothing which they may advance can relieve the majority of the members from the charge of gross neglect of the important interests intrusted to them. Out of forty-five members of the Board two only appear to have been active in the conduct of the affairs of which the Board has supervision. The evidence elicited thus far in the investigation now going on hints at alleged frauds on the part of these two. The other members, to all appearance and according to all accounts, hold themselves blameless because they have taken no active part in the administration of affairs. But the public will condemn them for this very reason. The swindled parents of school children and the tax-payers generally will claim that they ought to have been active, and thereby prevented the commission of the fraud. This Board and numerous others of like character ought to learn that there are sins of omission as well as of commission and that men may be villains negatively as well as positively.

The two candidates for Congressman at large in Virginia are A. H. CHANE, Radical, and a Northern man, and Major C. W. BUTTS, formerly of Norfolk, and now of Richmond, Walker-Democrat.

EUROPEAN NEWS BY MAIL.

ARRIVAL OF THE BREMEN STEAMSHIP HANSA.

The steamship *Hansa*, from Bremen May 6 and Southampton May 11, reached this port yesterday. The news thus received, later by two days than that already at hand, is embodied in the letter and extracts we give below.

AFFAIRS IN FRANCE.

The Struggle Between the Government and the Opposition—The Approaching Elections—The Right of Reunion—Victor Hugo—A Fashionable Soirée—Concerning Foreigners in Paris—The Man Millinet.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Tuesday, May 4, 1869.

The struggle between the Government and the Opposition is growing alarming. The election for Deputies takes place Sunday, the 30d, and Monday, the 24th, of this month. The law giving the right of public meeting, under restrictions, has only served to widen the breach between the contending parties. Half-way measures, as M. DE GIRARDIN has so vigorously maintained in his paper, the *Liberté*, are just as dangerous as the silence of despotism. The meetings should be free, or there should be no meetings at all. To allow an excitable people to come together and talk of their grievances without offering a remedy, is as dangerous to public order as to prevent them from coming together at all. To stop a man's mouth when in the exercise of a right which every man ought to possess, is only to exasperate him and his friends, and to exaggerate a position already threatening to the peace of society.

The other evening more than 2,000 people were met together in the Chatelet Theatre to hear a lecture on CORNEILLE from M. BARDOU, an eloquent and fiery orator, who is a candidate for Deputy in the Third District of Paris.

Of course, in talking of the works of CORNEILLE, there was plenty of room, without abandoning the text, for alluding to tyranny and ignorance, to honor and treachery, to liberty and patriotism; and such was the fever of the audience at the end of half an hour, such was the excitement at hearing a language of which they had been deprived for twenty years, that the Commissary of Police, representing an armed and superior force, dissolved the meeting. And the Government has the simplicity to imagine that there is no other way of governing an intelligent people, fighting for liberty and the privileges enjoyed by other civilized nations!

The night was a novel one, indeed, for an American. Here was a little man sitting on the platform behind the speaker, with the French flag wound around his waist, ready to die for his country, and with a pen in his hand to take down any words which might enable him to fine and imprison the speaker. In the theatre 2000 intelligent men, who had paid an admission fee, thirsting for knowledge, and anxious to hear as of yore an able man discuss the great and well-known character of one of their first national poets. Not a man in the house thought of going science to build a barricade, or doing anything worse than to vote for BARDOU for Deputy. And there was the little man on the platform, the representation of brute force—one man against three thousand—compelling the speaker to hold his voice and the multitude to disperse, as if his hand was a magician's wand. And when at last the patience of the audience was exhausted, and some one cried out, "*Mais à la fin des fins, c'est la France, et la France est à nous!*" the little man gave them to understand that they were mistaken, and that he did not permit observations!

Thus the men who came into the theatre thinking only of voting for BARDOU, went out thinking of barricades; the gap between the Government and people was widened. The feeling, in fact, is growing deeper and more bitter every day, and nothing but the Chassepot gun saves the Government from revolution. What can an unarmed or a poorly-armed populace do in presence of the modern rapid-shooting rifle? It is idle to talk of a revolution.

VICTOR HUGO.

LAMARTINE used to say when at the height of his fame that he could not sneeze without having his publisher put the fact in print. VICTOR HUGO has arrived at the same happy point. The public do not criticise his book, *The Man that Laughs*—they criticise the rapacity of his publisher, and the way the book is brought out. In the first place, it is dealt out a crumb here and a crumb there, as something precious beyond all precedent; two or three journals are allowed a chapter each in advance, which, however, they must announce as having been obtained surreptitiously, or, to use the word M. HAUSSMANN has put into circulation, irregularly. These little tit-bits are not baits to catch the public with—oh no! since they are stolen!

Then the book is spun out into four volumes, with large type and large margin; and what vexes most his contemporaries is that he has the assurance to issue these volumes one after the other at a week's interval. He thus says to the public that when they have such a delicious beverage placed before them they must sniff, and sip, and drink it slowly and by installments. Such strokes of genius must be dealt out in small doses, so as not to kill the reader outright. One volume at a time is sufficient.

Worse than all, the publisher sold to a speculator the exclusive right for France of an enormous first edition, and this speculator hit upon the ingenious plan of offering to any one who would buy of him a hundred francs' worth of unsalable books of other authors, a copy gratis of *The Man that Laughs*. This was the unkindest cut of all!—unkind to the author and unkind to the reader; for it looked as if the new book needed trash to give it relief!

The critics touch lightly on the merits of *The Man that Laughs*. A man that can hardly sell a book at all has no right to criticise a man who sells a million. A man who has scarcely talent has no right to criticise a man who is almost a genius. Nevertheless a few critics timidly point out weaknesses in the book, while M. BARBEY D'AUREVILLY, the *bête noire* of authors, bolder than the rest, declares that the book is characterized by excessive pretension, that the style is pedantic, and that it shows the author to be in a fatal decline.

But we are on the eve of the election, and to criticise the exile of Guernsey at this moment is a heresy only to be likened to an open support of the Emperor. And for a Parisian to support the Emperor is the abomination of abominations!

FASHIONABLE GOSSIP.

A French paper published the other day the following little bit of spitefulness about the charity ball of the Princess BEAUVEAU, at the Grand Hotel: "Dancing went on till 6 o'clock. The noble Faubourg gathered up its skirts and got out of the way at midnight; alone, the English and American ladies, and the Chinese of Mr. BURLINGAME, held on. All thoroughfare world danced, and fluttered, and perspired; it was a regular *danse Macabre*. An American mother lost her daughter before the cotillion; another American lady was seen crying for the loss of her beau. At 3 o'clock came the invasion of the *demi-monde*, and the grand entry of Mons. and Mme. WORTH. This last was the bouquet."

Whether merited or not, this little notice is damaging to the last degree. French women go away before the invasion of the women of bad character. American and English women do not. What is worse, they engage pell-mell with these women in something very like the *can-can*, for they come out of it disheveled and all in perspiration! Then there is an incident in keeping with what precedes; a young lady leaves her mother's protection—an utterly unpardonable sin in France. Another lady compromises at least her good-breeding by crying in public—oh, horror!—for her lost lover. Finally, as the bouquet, Mr. WORTH, the famous gas-mitiner of the Rue de la Paix, makes his entry. He has been told by the French ladies, whose dresses he made, at what hour he might come and find them gone; for although they like Mr. WORTH in his shop, they prefer to shift his entertainment upon the exotics who stay late at a charity ball.

English and American young ladies do not always observe the rules of French society, that's certain. But they did not come to Paris for that. They come to see what they can see, and to get the worth of their money. They know that French society is mixed—horribly mixed—and that if they, uninstructed foreigners, should undertake to sift it, and to separate the good from the damaged fruit, they would utterly "lose their Latin." French people cannot do it themselves; they do not even try it, for it is notorious that they run more from the "common herd" than from the "immoral herd." Gilded vice passes everywhere with the honors due to gold and beauty; the best boxes in the first tier at the opera are occupied by notorious public women, and nobody protests; on contrary, the fashionable Mme. Trois Etoiles and her daughters are rather proud to occupy seats next to the brilliant sinners, but their evening would be quite, oh! quite spoiled, if some honest, high-necked bourgeoise should occupy the place. It makes no difference that their low-necked neighbors are the centre of a hundred lorgnettes; in fact they are rather made happy by the admiring glances they receive by ricochet from them; they are willing to accept this admiration by proximity; they go home and dream happily on their vicarious triumphs, and wake up each morning with an additional screw loose in their moral perceptions of right and wrong.

It is possible that the American girl does carry into her intercourse with foreigners too much of her native freedom of manner; but this, in general, she does not usher abroad to get married, nor does she come here to convert foreigners to her code of propriety. At any rate she could not if she would. A certain number do come, perhaps, with malice aforethought to get married; but these know well that to depart from the rigid rules that govern foreign young ladies is to compromise their projects; for, however well individual foreigners may reason on the subject, they take good care not to run counter to the prejudices of their own people, by putting their reasoning into practice.

After all, the principal evil that grows out of the free and easy manners of our young ladies—for there would be no sort of harm in their never marrying a foreigner at all—is the kind of notice quoted above. Those notices are multiplying in the French Press; it is quite a common thing to allude directly or indirectly to the fast manners of our young ladies, and thus a damaging impression is fixing itself in a permanent way in the public mind. Therefore, not so much zeal, young ladies; when you are in Rome it is better to do as Romans do, than to try to convert the said Romans.

It would not be right to say anything against Mr. WORTH, for he is the prince of industrials in his way. His establishment is a curiosity; at least that is what people generally say. There is certainly none other like it. It is curious the evening of a fancy dress ball at the Tuileries to see the jam of crested carriages before his door. It is curious to see ladies as deeply crested as their carriages take tickets at the door, so as to be admitted in turn to the presence of the great man inside. It is curious to witness their assault on the lunch set out for them in the waiting room, and which suggests that perhaps they do not all penetrate further into the temple of fashion. Once inside, it is something more than curious to witness what takes place. The artist, a good-looking man of forty, with black hair and pale face, dressed loosely in a black dress suit, and with white cravat—a man who speaks all languages, and does not know what country he belongs to, although he sometimes forgets himself and says he is an Englishman—stands in the middle of the floor, and with his eye on the lady customer examines her as he would a horse he was going to buy. He makes a female assistant turn her around, trot her up and down, sit down, stand up, and finally he issues his fiat, from which there is no appeal, and the customer must take the dress, the cut and the price he dictates. "That or nothing, Madam; in anything else both you and I would be ruined!" Then, when the costume is finished, they must return with it on, to see whether it does not need a touch here and there before its advent to the world. Mr. WORTH goes through all this process with such decorum and with such an evident eye to art, that the fashionable world, from the Empress down, declares that in fashion there is but one god and WORTH is his prophet.

But there is a good side to WORTH that the world in general does not know of. WORTH is liberal to the trade; he does not charge fifty francs to a smaller tradesman for a pattern; he gives it to him. It may be that he considers his position so exalted that he need not fear rivalry; but, at any rate, he encourages poorer workpeople by giving them his inventions, and nobody else does that. Moreover, he invents bonnets and bonnets and hoop skirts and collars and gives them to the people engaged in the manufacture of these several articles, and charges them nothing for them. He has thus been the fortune of a crowd of poor people who look upon him as a sort of benefactor. He is alone the inventor of the greater part of the fashions which fashionable ladies wear in all parts of the world. He shapes the forms of womankind the wide world over. Was ever mortal so omniscient before?

Does he get rich? No, for he is an artist, a Bohemian, a spendthrift. He keeps open house at his country place at Suresnes the year round, and the champagne flows in rivers, the *pâté de foie gras* melts by the ton. But his partner and business man takes care of his money and is rich, and that shows what kind of business it is to be the high priest of fashion.

MALAKOFF.

ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

Canadian Sentiment in Regard to Union with England—What Minister Morley May Expect.

From the London Times, May 11.

While a cloud of doubt hangs over our relations with the great Republic of the West, it is pleasant to be able to fasten upon one point of certainty. The complex organization of the American Constitution leaves us for a time uncertain what may be the views of the Executive Department of the Federal Government, whether Senator SUMNER has taken the opportunity of his prominent position to unburden himself of a personal resentment he has nursed against the United Kingdom, or whether he must be regarded as the mouthpiece of the President and his Cabinet in drawing a bill of indictment against us. We do not know whether Mr. MORLEY will be instructed to present a claim in accordance with the Senator's harangue; we cannot tell what may be the course he will be directed to pursue when the British Government shall have declined to entertain the consideration of such a claim, should it be presented. Under such circumstances, we receive with satisfaction intelligence of the attitude assumed by the Lower and popular Chamber of the Canadian Dominion. The House of Commons of the Confederated Provinces reflects, in vigor, in independence, in self-reliant courage, the best characteristics of the House of Commons of England. At a crisis upon the result of which the material interests of its constituents depend, it deserves sufficient, as all will confess, to check any suggestion of boastfulness, one of its members has come forward to vindicate the position of the Dominion and to assert, amid the cheers of his colleagues, *their resolution to share with the mother country the fortunes, the risks, and the sequence of the future.* The promptitude of the Canadian Parliament is more striking when we remember how completely free Canada is from any blemish of accusation, even from Mr. SUMNER, and that the danger with which Canada is threatened is attributable to the alleged misfeasance of the Imperial Government alone. Take Mr. SUMNER's accusations at their highest, allow them all to be well founded, yet Canada has had neither part nor lot in them. It could scarcely have been surprising, however mortifying to us, if had the Canadian Parliament protested against being held responsible for the Imperial policy, which it neither originated nor shaped, and had claimed the benefit of an acknowledged independence. Indeed, as Mr. GALT showed, the Dominion might have advanced a long record of acts done, of labors undertaken, of expense incurred in vindicating the neutrality of the North American Provinces during the progress of the war. Yet while thus innocent, even in the mouths of their most virulent accusers, of any wrong-doing, while able to prove that they were throughout the war active in defence of their neutrality, still more while remembering that since the war has closed some of the best and bravest of their youth have perished in repelling the invasds of Fenian bands, organized, armed and drilled in the United States, the House of Commons of the Dominion makes no attempt to separate themselves from the position of the Imperial Government. "The people of Canada," Mr. GALT declared, "have no desire to shirk their responsibility as a portion of the Empire of Great Britain." The Dominion is, to use the language of Sir GEORGE CARTIER, "a dependency of England." It occupies the position of an elder son emancipated from parental control, and swayed only by the ties of family feeling. *Mr. Motley may gather from the spontaneous action of Canada that, if the mother country is to come out of this dispute and conciliation and peace be still be received in a like spirit. If his message be a repetition of Mr. SUMNER's extravagances he could expect that it will be firmly rejected.*

From the Morning Post, May 10.

We had occasion a short time since to allude to *the evident heat of American policy of late years toward identifying the Union with the entire continent of North America.* Russian America has been purchased by the United States, and the Danish possessions in the West Indies have been transferred in a similar manner; and more than once during the past two months intervention in Cuba has been hinted at. No one can doubt that the people of the United States are desirous of giving practical effect to the Monroe doctrine, of America for the Americans—that is to say, for the citizens of the Union; and the only question is, whether, either now or at some not distant period, those who wield the Executive power in the United States will attempt to realize this scheme. GRANT is a soldier, and, it is said, is ambitious of gaining additional laurels. We can, however, only judge him as we find him, and it must be admitted that *he has not yet done anything to lead us to conclude that he intends taking up hold a sign.* We wish Canada would be a war with England, and a demand for the surrender of that colony would, as his advisers well know, be followed by an emphatic refusal. As we cannot believe that the American President contemplates, more especially in the present condition of affairs in America, such a war as would eliminate of that kind would involve, we are sanguine in the hope that, however unusual may be the language used in the American Senate, or however equivocal the conduct of the Executive in connection with the recision of the Alabama Convention, no intention exists of provoking England to war. It must be observed that the more respectable section of the New-York Press spoke in condemnation of Senators SUMNER and CHANDLER, and *did us the justice of believing that we would be incapable of resigning, without a bitter struggle, one particle of our possessions at the dictation of a foreign Power.*

The United States in a Lawsuit—A Perplexing Predicament.

From the London Times.

At a moment when the relations between Great Britain and America are assuming a troublesome complexion, the accidental course of a common lawsuit has placed one of the two Governments in a position as strange as to be hardly imaginable. The United States accuse us of having grievously wronged them by assuming a state of war where none existed, and so raising a body of ordinary insurgents to the level of an actual Government with belligerent rights. At this very moment, however, an action is pending in the Court of Queen's Bench in which the United States claim to recover certain property as successors to the Confederate States, and in which, there fore, they are compelled not only to admit, but to establish, the pretensions of that very Government whose authority they would otherwise repudiate and decry. During the war Sir FRANCIS TAIT, a merchant clothier in this country, received a large quantity of cloth from the Confederate Government, to be made up into uniforms. Before the contract, however, could be completed or the goods delivered the contest came to an end, and now the American Government, as heir of the Confederate States, is suing the contractor for the value of the material supplied to him. For the mere plea itself there appear to be precedents; but the difficulty is this—that the United States can only sue as representatives of the Confederate States, and that in maintaining that title they are necessarily driven not only to admit, but to assert and contend for, many of the positions which, when advanced by our own Government, they have fiercely impugned. Of course the defendant is fully aware of this weakness in the case of his adversary, and intends to take advantage to the utmost—indeed, beyond the limits considered allowable by the Court.

The argument took the form of a discussion on certain interrogatories"—twenty in number—which the defendant claimed to administer to the plaintiffs. He desires to ask his opponents who they are, and in what capacity they are suing him; what was the original Constitution of the Federal Union before the war, and what the rights retained under that instrument by the several States of the Union; whether certain States did not assert their right to leave the Union and establish an independent Confederacy; whether this right was not actually exercised, and whether a *de facto* Government of the Confederate States of America did not consequently arise. After these questions have been answered, the defendant desires to know whether the old Union did not make war upon the new Confederacy, and prosecute this war for a certain period; and, finally, claims to be told how long this state of war continued, and when it came to an end—in other words, at what period the two belligerent Governments were superseded by a single conquering Government inheriting all the rights of the vanquished Power. We need not say how extremely embarrassing such queries would be likely to prove. The United States Government would, in fact, be subjected to a critical cross-examination under most perplexing circumstances, for while, as plaintiffs in the action, it would be their interest to make out the best case possible for the Confederate authorities, even at the expense of every piece of evidence produced for that purpose would tell directly against their own allegations in the more important matter of the *Alabama* claims.

No evidence of the dilemma thus created could be more extraordinary than the first step in the proceedings on yesterday reported. The United States sue Sir FRANCIS TAIT as representatives of the Confederate States, and, in order to secure themselves a standing ground, they are compelled to assert that the Confederate States were a *de facto* Government. This assertion the defendant calls upon them to prove, and then the plaintiffs, for the purposes of proof, actually put in that very proclamation of neutrality which, in other negotiations, they have so strongly denounced. When this proclamation was issued there was, as they have repeatedly contended, no war, and yet they now appeal to it as evidence of the war. Mr. MELLISH made the best he could of the inconsistency. "Though the United States," he said, "objected to the proclamation of neutrality contained in Earl RUSSELL's letter of January, 1865, yet they not only admitted, but contended, that in that Court such document must be taken as conclusive." On this argument the Lord Chief Baron promptly observed that the Court would recognise the Queen's proclamation, and would take the fact as there stated. "Ay," retorted the defendant's counsel, "but the United States will not; and ought we to be bound by it while they are not so?" This much-debated proclamation, therefore, is relied upon by the American Government in a civil suit as evidence of the existence of a war and of a state of belligerency, while in other negotiations it is condemned as having been without warrant in fact for the assertion of a belligerency which it professed to recognise. Precisely the same difficulty ran through the whole of the case; for, while the United States refused to acknowledged the authority of the Confederate States' agents, they were preferring a claim which, except on the supposition that these agents had good authority, could not be sustained.

Mr. MELLISH, on behalf of the American Government, objected with some reason to the length to which the interrogatories had been carried. It was customarily the defendant's object to embarrass the plaintiffs as far as possible, and to bar them from insisting on certain facts by showing how inconvenient such assertions might prove in another and a more important suit. But the advantage was certainly pushed too far. It could not have been relevant or necessary to examine the United States on the right of secession under the old Federal Constitution, nor as to the principles on which the Northern and Southern States respectively relied in the civil war. Accordingly the Court, while admitting the liability of the United States as plaintiffs to this kind of interrogation, limited its scope to three points—the duration of the *de facto* Government, its termination, and the authority of its agents; but it will probably occur to the reader that, even as thus circumscribed, the cross-examination may be rendered extremely perplexing to the respondents. We are at a loss, indeed, to conceive how the American Government can at one and the same time succeed in its suit against Sir PETER TAIT and in its controversy with the British nation. If the Confederate Government be of such a character as to invest the Federal Government, its successors with the rights new claimed, and if that fact is established by the contention of the United States themselves, Lord CLARENDON will assuredly find a goodly array of arguments ready to his hand. The United States are undertaking to prove to the satisfaction of the Court of Queen's Bench that the Government over which Mr. JEFFERSON DAVIS presided was really and truly a *de facto* Government, competent to make contracts and acquire rights by its duly-authorized agents. They must then prove that between themselves and this Government a state of war occurred; that they subdued the said Government, and succeeded, by right of conquest, to whatever property was held by that Government, or by other parties on its behalf. All this they have been prepared to establish; but they can hardly do so, as we imagine, without foregoing many of the pretensions which they have recently advanced, and abandoning most of the charges leveled against ourselves.

American Securities Abroad.

From the Morning Star, (City article,) May 10.

The pressure of sales in the stock markets opened this morning very strongly, consols and five-twenty bonds being perhaps most affected. The price of the former was at one time ¾ below the closing quotation of last night, but there was a recovery of ½ in the course of the day. In five-twenties the pressure continued unabated, the Bears taking advantage of the bad spirit which Mr. SUMNER's foolish demands have created, and which it is for the benefit of certain of our monetary cliques to stimulate. The letter of Mr. GOLDWIN SMITH was largely quoted as a proof that we might fear the worst from the temper of the present American Administration. We have no doubt whatever, that the letter is not authorized by anybody, and that the notion of our relations with America becoming so embittered as to compel British residents to quit the country could only have entered the mind of a scholar and recluse. The two countries have too much at stake on each other to permit an old story like the Alabama controversy to break up their profitable trade, to bring untold miseries upon both, and to heap up a debt of hundreds of millions in the course of a few years. The majority of the people on both sides of the Atlantic are too wise to consummate their own ruin by embarking on strife, and the silly talk which is heard at present will die away in a few days. It has served its purpose, however, of reducing five-twenty bonds about one per cent. additional, and the last issue of 1867 is one and three-quarters lower. Altogether, the five-twenties have fallen about three per cent. for the week, and the Ten-forty bonds have also declined to the same amount. The rise in the price of gold in New-York has had a powerful effect in aiding the "Bear" operations here. For the week to Thursday last the increase of price in gold in New-York has been four and a half per cent. So far as these speculations in gold are concerned, it is probable enough they may lead to difficulties in the New-York market; but there is nothing unusual in such difficulties, and they do not affect the interest of this country further than by preventing for the moment gold arriving in payment of goods. It would be most unwise in us not to take notice of the change of the course of trade with America which the existence of the five-twenty Bonds has created. It is quite clear that if Europe is disposed to take Bonds bearing six per cent. gold interest, and payable in gold, in place of gold itself, the Americans will only too gladly to send their bonds. We cannot get both in payments for the same manufactures, and Europe undoubtedly does look with favor upon these bonds. As fast, for example, as the price falls in London, the firms who have agents in Frankfort, Amsterdam, and the other European centres, sell by telegraph in those markets, and buy in London. We then require to send less gold to those towns, should the exchanges be disposed to turn against us as the five-twenties fill up a gap between London and the Dutch and German markets as much as they do between New-York and London. If the Bank of England has resolved to enter upon a contest to put down the traffic in five-twenty bonds, as a distinguished authority has assured us, it may expect to succeed when it has been able to wipe up the Atlantic Ocean, and not till then. It is no doubt very annoying that we cannot look for our usual supplies of gold from America, so long as this traffic continues, but it would be better for us to make arrangements to do without the gold than to attempt to fight with the laws of political economy. We must alter our financial arrangements to suit the actual commerce of the world, and not attempt to make the world conform to our financial arrangements made in 1844.

THE FRENCH EMPIRE.

Napoleon's Speech at Chartres.

The Emperor NAPOLEON visited the City of Chartres on May 9, on the occasion of the distribution of prizes at the Horticultural Exhibition. In answer to the congratulatory address of the Mayor of Chartres, the Emperor said:

"Twenty years ago, when I was appointed President of the Republic, it was the town of Chartres which I visited first. I have not forgotten the pleasing reception I met with. If I was within your walls that I, on the strength of my good intentions, made my first appeal to the spirit of conciliation, calling upon all good citizens to sacrifice for the public good their regrets and feelings of rancor. Today, after seventeen years of peaceful prosperity, I am about to speak to you in the same language, but with greater authority and confidence than in 1848. Once more I address myself to the honest men of every party, inviting them to second the regular advance of my Government on the path of liberal progress which it has laid down, and to oppose insuperable resistance to those subversive passions which appear to revive only to threaten the unshaken fabric of universal suffrage. In a few days the people will meet in their electoral comitia, and will, I have no doubt, choose men worthy of that mission of civilization which we have to accomplish. I count upon you, citizens of Chartres, because you are part of those eight millions of Frenchmen who have thrice accorded to me their suffrages, and because you are animated with ardent patriotism; and where genuine love of one's country reigns, there the best guarantees for order, progress and liberty cannot fail to exist."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Imprisonment of Lafayette—General Washington's Efforts for his Release.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I find in this morning's TIMES an extract from the Edinburgh *Review*, containing two letters from the Marchioness DE LAFAYETTE to General WASHINGTON, the first asking his aid toward delivering her husband from his captivity with the Austrians; and the second, six months afterward, repeating the request, and complaining that no attention had been paid to it. These letters are given as "unpublished." And the *Review* adds:

"It does not appear that any answer was made by WASHINGTON to this affecting appeal—or, at least, no answer was received MME. LAFAYETTE, who wrote at a later period, the good offices of the American Government were employed to a certain extent to obtain the release of her husband."

This comment reads as if the *Review* was rather pleased to think itself entitled to hint that General WASHINGTON and the United States had respectively been neglectful and ungrateful in his adversity to the personal friend and favorite of the one, and the self-sacrificing and efficient helper of the other, in their own greatest need.

It is fortunately easy to show the contrary. I use SPARKS' *Washington* for the following. The index refers to all the places cited; they are in volumes 10 and 11.

SPARKS printed sufficient extracts from both the letters of the Marchioness.

Her first, dated Oct. 6, 1792, was received by WASHINGTON in February, 1793, having been delayed by coming through a private hand, and by way of England.

On March 13, following, General WASHINGTON wrote to Secretary JEFFERSON to have Mr. MORRIS, our Minister to France, instructed to "neglect no favorable opportunity of expressing *informally* the sentiments and wishes of this country respecting the Marquis DE LAFAYETTE." He also inclosed to Mr. MORRIS an answer to the Marchioness, expressing sympathy and friendship in terms uncommonly strong for him, and explaining that everything possible to help her had been and was being done.

On the very day of the date of this letter to JEFFERSON, Mme. DE LAFAYETTE, in France, was writing her second letter. SPARKS says nothing of any answer to it; and as it was written by her in ignorance of what had caused the delay, General WASHINGTON probably waited to hear from her in reply to his own letter.

Meanwhile, as WASHINGTON says in a confidential note to Mr. MCHENRY, afterwards Secretary of War, dated 8th April, 1794, (a year later:)

"Everything which friendship requires, and which I could do without committing my public character, or involving this country in embarrassments, is and has been for some time in train, though the result is not yet unknown."

The series of attempts to secure LAFAYETTE's liberation was steadily persisted in for years. WASHINGTON repeatedly wrote to our Ministers abroad to urge the matter. He himself wrote an urgent personal request to the Emperor of Germany. All the resources of solicitation, influence and unofficial representation were exhausted. As WASHINGTON repeatedly explains, there was no right nor power in himself nor in the United States to proceed in the matter officially nor by way of demand.

If fuller accounts of these efforts should be wanted, they may be found in SPARKS' *Life of Gouverneur Morris*.

The ignorance in which the *Edinburgh Review* discusses the subject is noticeable. There is a circumstance, however, which renders its insinuations peculiarly ungraceful. It is, that the English Government, if it did not actually insist upon having LAFAYETTE kept in prison, could at any rate have had him set free, had it chosen to do so. On the 16th December, 1796, Mr. MORRIS, on soliciting his release, was told by Baron VON THUGUT, Austrian Prime Minister, that "*If England will ask for him,* (LAFAYETTE,) they, (Austria,) will be very glad to get rid of him in that way, and they, (the English,) may if they please turn him loose in London." It was then believed by those best informed on the subject that it was the English influence which retained LAFAYETTE in prison.

It is pretty clear that the *Edinburgh Review*, even if it be credited with just intentions in this matter, does not "read an American book" now any more than in the days of its clerical-jacobin founder SYDNEY SMITH. Very respectfully, &c.,

FRED. B. PERKINS.

NEW-YORK, Sunday, May 23, 1869.

Proposed Home for Discharged Male Prisoners.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

There is a very great necessity of a Home for discharged male prisoners. A large proportion, when they leave prison, go out with a resolution never to do anything that will lead them to prison again; but they go out, in most cases, without money or friends; respectable people will not employ them; they have nothing with which to pay for a shave; (shaving is a luxury of which they are deprived while in prison;) they have old companions, where their good resolutions are soon broken, and five cents out of ten are again forced in prison to be supported by public money. A short time since, in visiting a prisoner, just before he was hung, I said to him, "I heard of you through JAMES ——, now in Jail—and yesterday he done some work for stealing a watch," and he said: "I can see myself in Jail, sooner than, for the same offence, and when I [illegible] I would serve the same time of the blind again; but I was thrown into bad company, and now became worse than ever, and day after to-morrow I am to be hung for murder. Oh, tell JIMMY, for God's sake, not to do as I have done." This young man was one of uncommon talents and great pride. He had a father to whom he might have gone when he first left prison, and perhaps been saved; but having been years away from home, leading a wicked life, his whereabouts unknown to his father, pride and shame both kept him from doing so, and there was now none else for him to go but among those like himself. The same pride kept him from giving his true name or allowing his friends to be sent for before his death. When asked if he would not like to have the consolations of his father and sister in that trying hour, he burst into an agony of grief and said: "Oh, yes! but I cannot disgrace them; I would rather die alone." Many a lost one might be found by searching the penitentiaries and jails. Great as were the crimes of this young man they were more the results of evil influences than a desire to do wrong. Many times in his career, so deep were his convictions of sin, that going by himself he would fall on his knees before God and earnestly plead for forgiveness, and for a few days he would be a changed man, but old habits and associations were too much to contend with alone, and at the next meeting with his companions, he would again rush headlong into vice. In those hours of penitence how gladly would he have sought refuge in a home such as this of which we speak, and Christian love and encouragement might have saved an immortal soul and led him to have lived a blessing to himself and to society.

This is but one instance out of hundreds of young men around us that would gladly avail themselves of such a place, and it is greatly to be wondered at that in this enlightened Christian land there is not throughout all its length and breadth a home for discharged male prisoners. We believe it only needs the public mind to be awakened to the necessity to have it done. Who will be the first to found such an institution? As it does not need any donation to put it into operation, but only the investment of money in that way for a time, ($5,000 will answer,) we hope God will inspire some one to do it.

Parents who have lost all knowledge of their sons, if they will send their address, in my labors among prisoners I may meet or hear of them, and it will be a pleasure to send such information to the bereaved friends.

Personal interviews may be had with regard to the Home by addressing "The Prisoners' Friend," Station D, Bible House, New-York.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, May 22, 1869.

The Bill of the Legislative Committee.

ITHACA, N. Y., Thursday, May 20, 1869.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I desire to bear testimony to the statement of Hon. W. W. HEISERMAN, copied into your paper of the 19th inst., from the Poughkeepsie *Eagle*. The first day of the session of the Committee, the order referred to, that no extras be furnished, was sent to the hotel office. Will you do myself the justice to further state that no charge appears against the State for my services as member of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, as I detrayed them entirely myself?

Yours, &c., J. H. SELKREG.

DOMESTIC TRAGEDY.

A Husband Maddened with Jealousy—Attempt at Double Murder and Suicide.

PHILIP KOPEL, a native of Germany, aged 53 years, and a cooper by trade, married many years ago, while yet a man of vigor and worldly hopes, but the marriage proved an unhappy one, owing to the frequent infidelities of his wife CATHARINE, the domestic trouble culminating about four years ago in their separation. Mrs. KOPEL was much younger than her husband, being now 45 years of age. She bore him three children—a daughter and two sons—the former being at the present time married, and residing in the Tenth Ward. The two boys are 19 and 11 years of age. After a separation of nearly two years the wife was taken back by her husband on a promise of better conduct, but the old trouble soon revived, and KOPEL became a more unhappy man than ever, especially as she wife had in the family a daughter, named MARY ANN BURGEN, now 6 years of age, who the husband knew to be the child of another man. The family were very poor, and though numbering five souls, were huddled together in a back basement room in the premises No. 149 Stanton-street, the husband and father working daily at his trade for their support.

Yesterday morning about 8:15 o'clock, as Officer BOHLE, of the Tenth Precinct, was patrolling his post in Stanton-street, he was accosted by a young boy who hurriedly informed the patrolman that his father was then killing his mother. Officer BOHLE followed the boy to the room occupied by the family, where he found Mrs. KOPEL lying on the bed, bleeding profusely from a dangerous wound in the left temple, and in a partially insensible condition. He also found a little girl in the room, the MARY ANN BURGEN already alluded to, who was suffering from a similar wound and was quite unconscious. The two little boys were with the officer at the time, the latter having been found in the street near the house, and on the officer inquiring where the father was, they informed him that he had gone into the street. Officer BOHLE immediately made search for the man, and in a few minutes found him in Norfolk-street, dressed in shirt and pantaloons and with a shotgun in his hands. KOPEL was at once taken into custody and was found to be severely though not dangerously wounded in the breast, he having fired two bullets in his own body with suicidal intent. Assistance being procured, the wounded women and her daughter were removed in a carriage to Bellevue Hospital, where also the husband was taken soon after.

KOPEL admitted having attempted the lives of his wife and the girl, giving as his reason her immoral conduct and the fact of her illegitimate offspring. He stated that he had no recollection of shooting himself, but believed that he had done it in the midst of his rage and fury. The officer found him in possession of a common double-barreled pistol, and the theory at first was that he had shot his wife and daughter; then reloaded the weapon, and made an attempt to murder the two boys, and then used the pistol upon himself. The shots were no doubt fired in the room occupied by the family, as the officer heard none of the reports, though he was in the immediate neighborhood at the time. KOPEL also stated a few days ago he wished to leave his wife and had asked her for his clothes with that intent, but she had persuaded him to abandon his purpose. KOPEL, it appears from the statements of the boys and the other inmates of the house, came home on Sunday evening his usual hour, and in a sober condition. There had been no quarrel that day or during the night, though the pair had frequently quarreled before. The two boys were first awakened by the pistol shots fired by their father after he had attempted to kill their mother and sister, and they made their escape when he turned his attention to them.

The Police notified Coroner SHIPS of the occurrence during the forenoon, and he immediately repaired to Bellevue Hospital in order to obtain the ante-mortem statement of the wounded woman. As she proved to be in a condition to converse and give an intelligible answer to such questions as were put to her, the Coroner succeeded in obtaining the following statement:

My husband, PHILIP KOPEL, has for some time past appeared to me to be a little crazy. I had left my home in the morning and went to church for meeting me. He was committed from Jefferson Market for six months. When he had been on the Island for sixteen days, he wrote to me and told me he had taken cold in the quarry, and begged me to go to the Judge and get him out. I went to the Judge and got him out. Since he came home he has not worked. I go out working every day to support the house. He drinks whenever he can get any money. Last night he returned home about 12 o'clock a little intoxicated, and asked me for two shillings; I gave it to him. He came home again after 12 o'clock, and was very noisy. I went to bed with the children and went to sleep. It must have been after two o'clock, while I was asleep, he shot me in the forehead with a pistol. Some person hearing the shots, ran up stairs, and finally (after he had left the room, which I was not the father of,) he told me that she would leave me. I begged to separate from her. She stole my money, my clothes and pawned them. He never acted right toward me. She always was telling me stories. On the 20th of March he swore before the Judge at Jefferson Market that I assaulted her, and I was committed in default of $500 bail. I was on the Island sixteen days, when I wrote to my wife to let me out, and she did so. Last night I came home and slept at RICHARDS', No. 69 Stanton-st.

Mary Ann Burgen, being sworn, deposed: I live with my mother and father, and I was in the house last night. I was in bed when I heard a noise, and I got up and saw my father and mother fighting. I was on the couch. I heard a pistol go off, and I got up, and, being nervous, I went a little way from the house, and I was struck my father on the head with the pistol. The boy ran and gathered of most struck my father on the head with the pistol. The boy ran and gathered of most struck my father on the head with the pistol. The boy entered the room and put it to my breast, with the intention of killing myself. One of the boys burst, and with the other I shot myself.

The jury who had been impanelled in the case rendered a verdict against the prisoner, who will be detained at the Hospital until he can with safety be removed to the City Prison.

The physicians at the Hospital and Deputy Coroner BRIDE, who had examined the wounded woman, reported that she was not sustained by Mrs. KOPEL and her child, and agreed in expressing the belief that the wounds must have been a hammer or some other blunt and heavy instrument, as the statement made by KOPEL is the correct one. Mrs. KOPEL, though in a critical condition, may recover, but the child's condition is extremely doubtful.

A Frank Accident on the Third-avenue Railroad.

At 9 o'clock last evening a man named OWEN MULLIGAN, aged 45, of No. 192 Third-avenue, was crossing Third-avenue near Forty-eighth-street, when he was run over by car No. 48, and instantly killed. The name of the unfortunate man were learned to his late residence, and the Police arrested the driver, HENRY KIRNAN, and the conductor, ALEXANDER IVES, but they were subsequently discharged, as the occurrence was shown to be purely accidental.

Marine Disaster.

At about 9 A. M. on the 22d inst. the schooner *M. H. Sawyer*, Captain BRAYSE, from New-York for Great Egg Harbor, was run into off Governor's Island by a Southern propeller, supposed to be the *Atlanta*, from Galveston. The schooner had both masts carried away close to the deck, with sails and rigging attached, but did not sustain any serious damage to her hull. She is now anchored at Quarantine.

City Missions.

The meeting in behalf of City Missions crowded Dr. ADAMS' church yesterday evening. Addresses were made by Rev. Mr. HIBBARD, Rev. Dr. HALL and Rev. Dr. TYNG. The first speaker described the course adopted in each district; first, visits by missionaries; second, tenement-house prayer-meetings; and third, a chapel. Dr. HALL made an appeal in behalf of the heathen on Fifth-avenue, and Dr. TYNG endeavored to stimulate the zeal of Christians, in order that the movement might result in something more than mere talk.

**Accidents

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Last week was a satisfactory one. The sales were not very heavy, realizing only about half the amount of the previous week, but the audiences were good, the prices quite fair, and the results generally gratifying. The property offered was scarcely as valuable as has been presented. Most of the previous sales were of the class suited to men of pretty fair incomes, who buy at least one villa plot 50x150, and frequently three or four, intending to build handsome cottages and have them surrounded by ornamented grounds, &c. Last week several pieces were offered suited to mechanics and laboring men only, who can afford to purchase but one lot, 25x100, and to build a comfortable home, but nothing more. Consequently, although a large amount of property changed hands, it did not require a great sum of money.

The entire absence of all trickery and humbuggery, noticed in this column some time ago, still characterizes the out-of-town sales. There is a freshness and an honesty about them truly attractive, and it is not at all strange that they should rapidly gain in popularity. The sales for the week were as follows:

New-York improved property	$94,200
New-York unimproved property	50,100
New-York leased property	3,700
Brooklyn improved property	17,800
Brooklyn unimproved property	38,600
Country property	107,600
Total for the week	$312,100

The sales for the previous week were:

New-York improved property	$31,200
New-York leased property	3,200
Brooklyn improved property	77,040
Brooklyn unimproved property	38,600
Country property	407,600
Total for the week ending May 15	$557,974
Total for the week ending May 8	$441,420
Total for the week ending May 1	691,974
Total for the week ending May 22	312,100
Total for the month of January	1,269,721
Total for the month of February	2,176,900
Total for the month of March	14,067,200
Total for the month of April	7,280,200
Grand total	$26,246,220

Country property, as will be noticed, still holds the lion's share, nearly two-thirds of the entire sales being of that class. Almost every day one or more was held, and the people seemed quite as willing to buy at the last one as they did a few weeks ago, when out-of-door sales were commenced. There are some few little points which yet need alteration. They are minor ones, and comparatively, perhaps, of but little importance, yet as they can be readily improved, and as very trifling things sometimes influence us for good or for evil, it would be well to take them in hand at once. One is the lunch. Owners seem to have very queer ideas about this attraction. Some furnish so large a supply that much is wasted, others so little that half the visitors go away hungry. If a mistake must be made, it is, of course, best that too much should be furnished, rather than too little. Men who travel for an hour or so in the cars or boat, and who have been promised a good lunch, look for it when they arrive. If they do not get it they feel considerably dissatisfied, imagine the owner must be a very parsimonious sort of person, rather doubt whether they desire to have any business dealings with him, and do not bid as heartily and promptly as they otherwise would. An empty stomach makes a man feel rather cross and irritable, and when, as is frequently, if not generally, the case, he leaves the City without taking his lunch, calculating upon getting it at the other end of the route, and arrives on the ground just in time to learn that the few who were a little quicker than he in getting from the cars to the table, have cleaned the board, and that there is nothing left for him, either his natural ugly gets up, and he refuses to buy on any terms, or he neglects the sale and goes off somewhere else to satisfy his hunger. An instance of this kind did occur some time ago, where fully two-thirds of all who attended left the sale, and proceeded to a neighboring hotel, where they sat eating and drinking until the train came along and took them home. Everybody was in an ill-humor—the people grumbling loudly, the owner dissatisfied, and the auctioneer disgusted. The one had not sold his lots, and the other had lost his fees, all because a few more dollars had not been expended in purchasing a good and sufficient collation. Luxuries are not needed, indeed they are not looked for, a good supply of sandwiches, pickles, cheese, crackers, &c., some lager-beer, and a moderate supply of something stronger, and all are satisfied. If the day is fair it is best to have it served in the open field, and to have a very large table, so that, if possible, all may get at it at once. If it is served up in some little corner, where the people are obliged to scramble for it, there will always be the same result, viz., a few of the rougher ones will take possession, tumble, and if necessary, fight for it, and the more respectable ones, who will not enter into the row, will go away hungry. It is also better to serve the lunch on the most attractive part *of the ground to be sold*, that the people may see for themselves what it is, while they are satisfying their appetites, and, also, that as soon as the lunch is finished, the sale may commence, without first obliging the audience to follow the auctioneer's wagon for half a mile. When this is done many get tired and straggle off, and some good men are lost.

Another improvement would be to advertise and print on the tickets that no boys will be allowed on the train or on the grounds. Then, just as the train is ready to start, have some competent person go through the cars and expel all who are on board in violation of this order. There are always a number of young rowdies, from 16 to 20 years of age, ready to go on any free excursion. They are a decided nuisance, always manage to annoy some one, frequently get drunk and disturb the auctioneer, or else wander off and despoil the neighboring gardens. They may be seen on the return trains, half drunk, with their hands full of flowers and themselves noisy, profane, and not unfrequently loudly obscene. There is no mistaking these chaps, and they might just as well be put off the cars before they leave the depot, as allowed to attend the sale.

Another good thing would be to have one or two officers on the ground. If the least disturbance is made have the offenders promptly arrested, a charge made against them, and the charge pressed. After half a dozen of these young ruffians have been locked up for a while others would be less anxious to go.

Again, care should be taken that the special train does not start at a time when it is likely to be interfered with by some regular train. People attending a sale judge somewhat of the value of the lots by the time it takes to reach them; and if they are obliged to wait on the road, or turn off, or are otherwise delayed, they begin to think the property too far off, takes too long to get there, &c., and the prices are thereby considerably affected. Some will say, perhaps, that we lay too much stress upon little faults, but those who have attended many sales know that these troubles, though small, are very annoying, and agree with us that as they easily can be they promptly should be remedied.

This week a few very interesting sales will be made.

To-morrow Messrs. MALLORY & BLACKWELL will sell on the premises seventy desirable lots known as the Richard Archer property, located at Yonkers, N. Y. The property is delightfully located on Ashburton-avenue, and is within a few minutes' walk of the cars and steamboats. Maps and full particulars may be had at the office of the auctioneers No. 48 Liberty street, or at the *Statesman* Office Yonkers. On Thursday the same firm will sell, also on the premises, 90 valuable business and manufacturing lots located at Tarrytown, N. Y.

The same day Messrs. A. J. BLEECKER, SON & Co., will sell at the Court-house, White Plains, about 85 plots of land, in White Plains, a few minutes' walk from the depot, to close the estate of Mrs. CAROLINE A. FOGG; also, her residence, outbuildings, &c.

Transfers of Real Estate.

NEW-YORK.

Broadway, n. w. corner of 11th-st., 73.6x221.9x irreg.x7.7x73.4x146x76.6x100 ..... $225,000
Cherry-st., e. s. n. of Jackson-st., 25.11x100 ..... Bonnell
Lexington-av., e. s. 22.4 ft. n. of 42d-st., 22x70 10,800
Lexington-av., e. s. 41.4 ft. n. of 42d-st., 19x70 10,800
Sheriff-st., e. s., 100 ft. n. of Stanton-st., 50x100 18,000
40th-st., n. s., 187.6 ft. e. of 7th-av., 30.10x100.4 27,000
54th-st., e. s., 200 ft. w. of 6th-av., 50x100.5 18,000
86th-st., n. s., 170 ft. w. of Lexington-av., 50x100.5 7,000
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SHIPPING.

STEAM TO GLASGOW AND LONDONDERRY.
THE ANCHOR LINE.
Favorite Clyde-built passenger steamers, are intended to sail as follows:
CITY OF ANTWERP.....Saturday, May 22, 9 A. M.
CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Saturday, June 5, 9 A. M.
(via Halifax).....Tuesday, June 1, 11 A. M.
CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, June 5, 1 P. M.
CITY OF LONDON.....Saturday, June 12, 1 P. M.
And each succeeding SATURDAY and alternate WEDNESDAY thereafter, from Pier No. 20 North River, at 12 o'clock, noon.
RATES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
Cabin, to Liverpool, Glasgow or Derry, $80 and $70. Excursion tickets, good for 12 months, $140 and $120. Steerage, to Glasgow or Derry, $30; intermediate, $40. Prepaid Certificates from these ports, $30. Passengers booked to and from Hamburg, Havre, Bremen, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Paris, &c., at reduced rates. Drafts issued payable at any bank in Great Britain and Ireland.
For further information apply at the company's office, No. 7 Bowling-green, New-York. HENDERSON BROTHERS.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.
THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.
The splendid vessels on this favorite route to the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River as follows:
St. LAURENT.....LEMAIRE.....SATURDAY, May 22
VILLE DE PARIS.....SURMONT.....SATURDAY, June 12
LAFAYETTE.....LOCKWOOD.....SATURDAY, June 26
PEREIRE.....DUCHESNE.....SATURDAY, July 10
Rates of passage payable in gold, (wine included):
TO BREST OR HAVRE, first cabin, $140; second cabin, $90.
TO PARIS, including railway ticket, $145 and $95.
These steamers do not carry steerage passengers.
Parties desiring to visit Paris can, by purchasing the Continent of Europe by taking the steamers of this line, avoid both transit by English railways and the disagreeable passage across the Channel, besides saving time, trouble and expense.
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CUBA.....WEDNESDAY	June 30	CHINA.....WEDNESDAY	June 30

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Cabin.....$120 | Second Cabin.....$80
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RATES OF PASSAGE
BY THE MAIL STEAMERS SAILING EVERY SATURDAY.

FIRST CABIN. PAYABLE IN GOLD.		STEERAGE. PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.	
First Cabin	$100	Steerage	$28
To London	110	To London	40
To Paris	115	To Paris	42

PASSAGE BY THE TUESDAY STEAMER VIA HALIFAX.

FIRST CABIN. PAYABLE IN GOLD.		STEERAGE. PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.	
Liverpool	$80	Liverpool	$30
Halifax	20	Halifax	15
St. John's, N. F., by Russian Steamer	50	St. Johns, N. F., by Russian Steamer	30

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No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL.
CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.
From Pier No. 42 North River, WEDNESDAY.

COLORADO, 3,824 tons	May 26, at 3 P. M.	
NEBRASKA, 3,000 tons	June 2, at 12 M.	
MANHATTAN, 2,165 tons	June 9, at 2 P. M.	
IDAHO, 3,000 tons	June 16, at 3 P. M.	
MINNESOTA, 2,700 tons	June 23, at 1 P. M.	
NEVADA, 3,125 tons	June 30, at 10 A. M.	

CABIN PASSAGE.....(Gold).....$80
STEERAGE.....(Currency).....$30
Saloon and State Rooms all on Deck.
For freight or cabin passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 17 Wall-st.

CUNARD LINE OF STEAMERS.
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.
FROM NEW-YORK EVERY WEEK.
CAMBRIA.....May 29 | MALTA.....June 5
RUSSIA.....May 31
RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK
Cabin.....$80 Gold.
Steerage.....$30 Currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown at lowest rates.
For freight or passage, apply at No. 4 Bowling-green.
For steerage passage, No. 211 Broadway, Trinity Building. E. CUNARD.

STEAM TO ANTWERP—INMAN LINE.
CITY OF LIMERICK.....June 9
CITY OF DUBLIN.....July 7
And monthly thereafter, by the season.
RATES OF PASSAGE:

From New-York.		From Antwerp.	
Cabin	$100, Gold.	Cabin	$70, Gold.
Steerage	$30, Currency	Steerage	$30, Gold.

For further information apply to
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NATIONAL LINE.
From Pier No. 47 North River.
STRANGE, ISLAND, SATURDAY, May 29, at 3½ P. M.
Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $100 and $75; Steerage, $30, currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown, $37, currency.
Apply at the Company's office, No. 69 Broadway.
F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE TO
CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.
Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:

First Cabin. Outside.	Inside.	Second Cabin.	Steerage.
$225	$150	$100	$75

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Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon,
ON 1ST, 11TH AND 21ST EACH MONTH,
except when those days fall on Sunday, then the day previous.
One hundred pounds baggage free to each adult. Wines, liquors and provisions free.
JUNE 1.—ARIZONA, Capt. MAURY, connecting with CONSTITUTION, Capt. HUDSON.
Steamer leaving June 11 connects closely with steamer GREAT REPUBLIC, leaving San Francisco July 2 for China and Japan.
NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.—Freight for steamer ARIZONA received until 4 P. M. on MONDAY, May 31. All usual facilities afforded shippers in collecting inland charges, &c.
For freight or passage tickets and all further information, apply at the Company's office, on the pier, foot of Canal-st. F. R. BABY, Agent.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL, UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 21st of every month:
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. E. K. TEIRELFAUGH, May 24.
RIO GRANDE, Capt. SEWARD, June 21.
MERRIMACK, Capt. W. WEE, July 21.
These splendid steamers sail on schedule time, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, touching at Montevideo, For engagements of freight or passage, apply to
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

NEW LINE FOR ST. DOMINGO.
ST. THOMAS, ST. DOMINGO CITY, SAMANA, PUERTA DE PLATA.
The first-class steamship
TYBEE,
Captain E. A. DELANY,
will leave Pier No. 4, North River, on WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, at 4 o'clock P. M.
For freight or passage (having superior accommodations) apply to SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO., No. 10 Broadway.

U. S. MAIL TO HAVANA.
ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
Sailing regularly every THURSDAY, at 4 o'clock P. M., precisely, from Pier No. 4 North River.
COLUMBIA, Capt. E. VAN SANT.....May 27
EAGLE, Capt. W. B. GREENE.....June 3
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. R. ADAMS.....June 10
For freight or passage apply to
S. G. WHEELER, Jr., President,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.,
CARRYING THE BOY ALMAILS,
ATLANTIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S steamer MORRO CASTLE, Captain ADAMS, THURSDAY, May 20, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River.
For freight or passage, apply to
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HAVANA, SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.
New-York and Mexican Mail Steamship Line, from Pier No. 11 East River, at 12 M.
The splendid new steamer
CLEOPATRA, Captain ADAMS, SATURDAY, May 22
CITY OF MEXICO, Capt. DRAKE, FRIDAY, June 18.
For freight or passage apply to
F. ALEXANDER & SONS, No. 22 Broadway.

FOR MOBILE,
VIA TENNANDINA ROUTE.
The Florida Railroad Company will dispatch the steamer
ALABAMA, Captain LIKEBURNE,
On WEDNESDAY, May 26, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 20 North River, foot of Warren-st. Cargo delivered without lighterage at Mobile. No goods receiving. Through freight guaranteed at one cent per lb. less than Mobile, through rates and bills of lading given to Selma, Montgomery and all points in the interior as lower as Mobile and yellow fever.
Has splendid cabin accommodations for passengers going to Florida or the Gulf ports.
For freight or passage, apply to
W. P. PATTERSON, Agent,
No. 177 West-st.

FOR CHARLESTON, THE FLORIDA PORTS, THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST.—REGULAR LINE.—The fast and popular sidewheel steamship MAGNOLIA, M. B. CROWELL, Commander, will sail WEDNESDAY, May 26, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 5 North River, foot of Rector-st. Cabin passage, $20.
Through Bills of Lading to all points South and Southwest. Agents in Charleston, CRAVEN, BREWER & CO.; forward all goods free of commission.
ARTHUR LEARY, Agent, No. 76 William-st.
The steamship SARAGOSSA will sail June 2.

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FOR SAVANNAH, GA.,
AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST.
GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE STEAMSHIPS, AND CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA.
Three times a week.
TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS.
The steamer
LEO, Capt. DEARSONE, TUESDAY, May 25, from Pier No. 16 East River, at 3 P. M.
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents,
Nos. 61 and 63 South-st.
HERMAN LIVINGSTON, Capt. CHESEMAN, THURSDAY, May 27, from Pier No. 16 North River, at 3 P. M.
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents,
No. 52 Liberty-st.
SAN JACINTO, Capt. ATKINS, SATURDAY, May 29, from Pier No. 8 North River, at 3 P. M.
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green.
HUNTSVILLE, Capt. CROWELL, SATURDAY, May 29, from Pier No. 12 North River, at 3 P. M.
R. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 46 West-st.
VIRGO, Capt. BULLEY, TUESDAY, June 1, from Pier No. 16 East River at 3 P. M.
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents,
Nos. 61 and 63 South-st.
GENERAL BARNES, Capt. MOTON, THURSDAY, June 3, from Pier No. 20 North River, at 3 P. M.
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents,
No. 52 Liberty-st.
SAN SALVADOR, Capt. BECKERSES, SATURDAY, June 5, from Pier No. 8 North River, at 3 P. M.
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.
THE CROMWELL LINE.
Steamships of this line will leave Pier No. 8 North River, at 3 o'clock P. M., as follows:
COSTES.....NELSON, Saturday, May 29.
MARIONA.....REDDIE, Saturday, June 5.
Freight now offered to New-Orleans, Mobile, Galveston at lowest rates. For passage, first and second cabin or freight, apply to
E. A. CROMWELL & CO., No. 46 West-st.

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Persons or families going to travel on the Continent of Europe, who can afford the expense of a courier, should never leave Paris without them; their services are invaluable in relieving the traveler from multiplicity of cares and troubles regarding passports, examination and conveyance of baggage; in procuring the best accommodations, in facilitating the transit from exposition, and as linguists of money, to which they are exposed in various parts of the Continent. Apply at the Company and Traveling Servants Agency, 11 Rue Scribe, Paris, or at Trubner's Oriental Office, 60 Paternoster-row, London, or by applying to the COURIER SOCIETY, No. 3 Rue d'Alger, near the Tuileries Garden, Paris.

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RAILROADS.

From Chambers-st.	From Chambers-st.	HUDSON RIVER RAILWAY.—Trains leave Pier No. 1 North River, foot of Chambers-st., as follows, viz.:
6.30 A. M.	6.45 A. M.	For Albany, for Rochester, Buffalo, Dunkirk, Cleveland, Cincinnati and all points West and South.
8.40 A. M.	8.00 A. M.	Day Express, for Albany and Troy. Sleeping Coaches attached to this train, running through without change.
8.00 A. M.	8.00 A. M.	New Jersey Express, for Albany, Troy and intermediate stations.
9.00 A. M.	9.15 A. M.	For Hackensack, Piermont and Monsey.
10.00 A. M.	10.00 A. M.	Express Mail, for Buffalo, Dunkirk, Cleveland, Cincinnati and all points West and South. Sleeping Coaches attached from New-York to Michigan City and from Susquehanna to Buffalo.
11.30 A. M.	11.30 A. M.	Way Train, daily, for Port Ewen and intermediate stations.
12.00 M.	12.00 M.	For Hackensack and Paterson.
1.00 P. M.	1.00 P. M.	For Piermont and Monsey.
1.30 P. M.	1.45 P. M.	Daily for Paterson.
3.30 P. M.	3.30 P. M.	Way Train, for Middletown and intermediate stations. Also for Paterson and Hackensack.
4.00 P. M.	4.00 P. M.	For Piermont and Monsey.
4.00 P. M.	4.15 P. M.	Cincinnati Express, for Albany, stopping only at Stuyvesant Junction, Tivoli, Rhinecliff, Kingston, Saugerties and Stations west of Catskill (except Athens, Coxsackie, Stuyvesant, Malden, Hudson, Germantown, Livingston, Linlithgo, Milton, Montgomery, Unionville and Park Jervis.
5.00 P. M.	5.00 P. M.	Way Train, for Suffern and intermediate stations. Also for Hackensack.
5.00 P. M.	5.15 P. M.	For Piermont and Monsey.
5.30 P. M.	5.30 P. M.	Night Express, for Albany, Troy, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Detroit, Chicago and all points West and South. Sleeping Coaches attached from New-York to Buffalo.
6.00 P. M.	6.00 P. M.	Way Train, for Suffern and intermediate stations. Also for Hackensack.
6.30 P. M.	6.30 P. M.	Night Express, daily, for all points West and South. By this train Sleeping Coaches will run through to Buffalo, Rochester, Cleveland and Cincinnati, without change.
8.00 P. M.	8.45 P. M.	For Paterson and Hackensack.
8.30 P. M.	8.30 P. M.	For Piermont.
9.00 P. M.	9.00 P. M.	Sunburgh Train, daily, for the West.
11.30 P. M.	11.30 P. M.	Theatre Train, for Suffern and intermediate stations.
12.00 Mid.	12.00 Mid.	Saturdays only, Theatre train for Piermont.

Tickets can be obtained, and orders for the checking and transfer of baggage may be left at the Company's offices, Nos. 241 and 257 (corner 36th-st. and 4th-av.) Broadway, and at depots foot of Chambers-st., and foot of 30th-st., New-York, and at Long Dock Depot, Jersey City.
L. R. RUCKER, Gen'l Supt. WM. B. BARR, Gen'l Pass. Agent.

1869.
LONG BRANCH AND SEA SHORE RAILROAD.
This favorite route will be reopened for the season on SATURDAY, June 5, 1869, with the splendid steamboat
MAGENTA, Captain JOHN MASTERS,
leaving New-York from pier No. 24 North River, (north side of pier foot of Hartley-st.) daily, (Sundays excepted,) at.....P. M.
Leaving Long Branch at.....10.45 A. M.
Excursion tickets, good for one day, $1 50.
Commutation tickets, one month, $10; two months, $15; three months, $18.
On Wednesdays and Saturdays there will be an extra train from Long Branch to New-York at 6.20 P. M., leaving at pier 24 about 8 P. M.
On and after July 1 two trains per day will be run each way.
Horses, carriages and general freight transported.
M. PAUL, Superintendent.

SOUTH SIDE RAILROAD OF LONG ISLAND.
CHANGE OF TIME.
On and after May 12, 1869,
The trains will leave by the Roosevelt and Grand st. Ferries, New-York, as follows:
8.00 A. M. mail for Patchogue and all stations.
8.45 P. M. express to Patchogue.
(Passengers will be ticketed through by this train to Bellport and Fireplace, via stage from Patchogue.)
4.30 P. M. accommodation to Islip.
6.30 P. M. to Merrick and way stations.
Summer arrangement will be made June 1, 1869.
ROBERT WHITE, Superintendent.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD.
Leave James-slip: 8 A. M., Mail train for Northport and Greenport; 10.30 A. M., for Roslyn, Glen Cove, Locust Valley, Huntington and Northport; 3.30 P. M., Greenport Express; 4.30 P. M., for Roslyn, Glen Cove, Locust Valley, Huntington, Northport and Yaphank; 5.30 P. M., for Roslyn, Glen Cove, Locust Valley, Huntington and Northport; 7.30 P. M., for Jamaica and Hempstead. All trains connect with branch for Hempstead. Sunday trains for Roslyn, Glen Cove, Locust Valley, Huntington and Northport leaves Hunter's Point at 8 A. M. and 4 P. M.
L. D. BARTON, Superintendent.

NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD.
CHANGE OF TIME.
MONDAY, April 26, 1869, Express trains will leave 26th-st. and 4th-av. at 7 A. M. and 4 P. M., for Albany, Troy, Pittsfield, &c., and Chatham Mail train will leave at 10 A. M., and Way trains at 4.15 P. M.
J. C. BUCKHOUT, Supt., &c.
New-York, April 23, 1869.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—Trains for Albany and Troy, connecting with Northern and Western trains, leave New-York as follows: Cincinnati and Chicago Express, 8 A. M.; Chicago Express, 10.45 A. M.; Montreal Express, 4 P. M.; Pacific Express, 6.30 P. M.; Night Express, 11 P. M. Elegant drawing-room cars attached to all day trains, and sleeping cars to all night trains. The 6.30 P. M. train runs on Sundays.
APRIL 26, 1869. WM. H. VANDERBILT, V.-Prest.

NORTHERN RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.—Trains will leave New-York by the Pavonia Ferry, foot of Chambers-st., as follows: 8 A. M., 3.30, 4.15, 4.45 and 6.30 P. M., and at 12, midnight, on Saturdays. The 8 A. M. and 4.45 and 6.15 P. M. trains run through to Monsey.
MAY 17, 1869.

STEAMBOATS.

STEAMER ARMENIA WILL COMMENCE running in place of steamer MARY POWELL SATURDAY, May 1, 1869, for Cozzens', West Point, Cornwall, Newburgh, Milton, Poughkeepsie and Rondout, leaving Pier foot of Deshrosses-st. every afternoon at 3:30. The POWELL will occupy the route as soon as refitted.

FOR GLEN COVE AND ROSLYN—LANDing at White Stone, Bayside Dock, (Ft. Schuyler,) Great Neck, Sandy's Beach, Kolb's Dock and Glenwood—str. Seaflower leaves Peck-slip every afternoon (Sundays excepted) at 4. Commutation tickets $20 for 2 months. Passages of tickets and transfer fares greatly reduced. A morning boat from N. Y. will be put on early in June.

STEAMER D. D. MARTIN, FOR Huntington, Cold Spring, Oyster Bay and Bay Shore, daily at 4:15 P. M. from Pier No. 14 East River, first below Wall-st., touching at 27th-st. at 4:30. Fare to 27th-st. 10c., to all other landings 25c. Barney & Searing's Huntington and Oyster Bay Express on board.

STEAMBOAT SUNNYSIDE.—THE NEW and popular steamboat SUNNYSIDE, having been repaired and refitted, will resume her route on the North River June 5.
Leaving New-York at 4 P. M., and returning will leave Grassy Point at 6½ A. M.

FOR CHARTER FOR EXCURSIONS.—The fine side-wheel steamboat STAMFORD is in good order and ready for business. Apply at the office of the Bridgeport Steamboat Company, Pier No. 28 East River.

FOR NORWALK AND DANBURY.—The steamer NELLY WHITE leaves daily foot of Market-st., at 3 P. M., and 10th-st., at 3½ P. M.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, &c.—The steamer ROBERT LOW leaves for New-Haven at 3:45 and 11 P. M., connecting with railroad.

STEAMBOATS.

FOR BOSTON

VIA
NEWPORT AND FALL RIVER.
NARRAGANSETT STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
THE
WORLD-RENOWNED STEAMERS
BRISTOL and PROVIDENCE,
CAPT. BRAYTON. CAPT. SIMMONS,
WILL LEAVE (Alternate Days) DAILY,
FROM PIER NO. 2 NORTH RIVER,
(Foot of Murray-st.)
—AT 5 P. M.—
DODWORTH'S CELEBRATED ORCHESTRA, including brass, string and reed bands, will be attached to each steamer on its passage.
Grand Promenade Concert
EVERY EVENING.
THIS IS THE ONLY LINE RUNNING A SUNDAY NIGHT STEAMER.
JAMES FISK, Jr.,
Managing Director.
M. E. SIRONE, General Superintendent.
CHAS. H. VAILE, General Passenger Agent.

STONINGTON LINE.
TO BOSTON AND PROVIDENCE.
GREAT INSIDE ROUTE—SHORTEST AND MOST DIRECT.
Fare always as low as by any other line.
The new and elegant Side-Wheel Steamers
CONNECTICUT and NARRAGANSETT,
Capt. Wm. M. JONES. Capt. GEO. B. HULL,
From Pier No. 39, foot of Jay-st., North River, at 5 P. M.
Arriving ahead of all other lines.
Tickets sold and state-rooms secured at No. 2 Astor House, and at Dodd's Express office, No. 944 Broadway.
President Stonington Steamboat Company.

PEOPLE'S LINE FOR ALBANY.
THE LARGEST AND MOST MAGNIFICENT RIVER STEAMERS IN THE WORLD.
THE ST. JOHN, DREW AND DEAN RICHMOND.
One of the above steamers will leave Pier No. 41 North River EVERY AFTERNOON (Sundays excepted) at 5 o'clock, touching at Albany time to connect with railroad trains West and North. Returning, leave the Albany Steamboat Landing at 7 o'clock P. M., or on the arrival of connecting trains from the West and North. Through tickets can be obtained and the office on the wheel, and baggage checked to its destination. Freight received until the hour of departure.

TROY LINE FOR ALBANY AND TROY.—Low fare and cheap traveling on the fastest evening steamers connecting the West and North with New-York: Leave R. R. Dock, Albany, time table, and 75 cents cheaper than any other line. The VANDERBILT or CONNECTICUT will leave Pier No. 44 North River, foot of Spring-st., EVERY EVENING, at 5 o'clock, connecting at Albany with the New-York Central and Albany and Susquehanna Railroad for the North. Returning, leave Troy at 6 and Albany at 6 o'clock P. M., on the arrival of Western trains. Through tickets sold, and baggage checked to all points. Sundays, fare $2.

THE STEAMER SEA BIRD WILL leave New-York, foot of Warren-st., for Shrewsbury and Long Branch,
AS FOLLOWS:

GRAND NEW-YORK.		LEAVE RED BANK.	
Thursday, May 20, 10 A. M.		Thursday, May 20, 2 P. M.	
Friday, May 21, 11 A. M.		Friday, May 21, 3 P. M.	
Saturday, May 22, 8:30 P. M.		Monday, May 24, 8 A. M.	
Monday, May 24, 8:30 P. M.		Tuesday, May 25, 8 A. M.	
Tuesday, May 25, 8 P. M.		Wednesday, May 26, 8 A. M.	
Wednesday, May 26, 8:30 P. M.		Thursday, May 27, 7:30 A. M.	
Thursday, May 27, 4:30 P. M.		Friday, May 28, 8 A. M.	
Friday, May 28, 4:30 P. M.		Saturday, May 29, 8 A. M.	

NEW-HAVEN STEAM TRANSPORTATION COMPANY.—For New-Haven.—Low fare, quick time. The steamer STATE OF MAINE, Captain E. P. Curtis, having been elegantly refurbished, will leave Pier No. 28 foot of Beekman-st., East River, (Peck-slip) DAILY at 3½ P. M. Fare 75 cents. Freight taken at low rates.
D. WILLIAMS,
General Superintendent.

FOR BRIDGEPORT, AND POINTS on Housatonic and Naugatuck Railroads, fare $1, steamer Connecticut leaves Catharine-slip at 11 noon and 3:30 P. M., foot 24th-st., East River, at 2:30 P. M.

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR ENVELOPES.
POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, April 5, 1869.
SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the Department until May 31, at 3 o'clock P. M., for furnishing envelopes for the use of the Post Office Department during a period of two years from the 1st of July, 1869. The estimated number of envelopes that will be required annually is as follows:
Class No. 1, 1,000,000, more or less, 3½ by 5½ inches.
Class No. 2, 4,000,000, more or less, 3½ by 5½ inches.
Class No. 3, 700,000, more or less, 3½ by 6½ inches.
Class No. 4, 700,000, more or less, 4 by 9 inches.
Class No. 5, 300,000, more or less, 5½ by 10½ inches.
For Class No. 1, an ordinary quality of buff or yellow paper will answer. The other classes to be made from rose, blue, green and buff or green-colored paper, as may be required, of equal quality.
All the above-described envelopes must be made in the most thorough manner, well gummed for sealing upon the flap, and ready for the Department printing upon the face as may be directed by the Postmaster-General. They must be packed in parcels of twenty-five, packed in pasteboard or straw boxes; each pasteboard box to contain 1,000 envelopes of letter size, and 100 each of extra letter, official, and extra official sizes, separately, or otherwise, as may be required; the boxes to be wrapped in strong paper, so as to be transported by mail, and delivered at the Department. When required to be delivered at the Department, such wrapping will be dispensed with.
When 1,000 or more envelopes are required to fill the orders of Postmasters, they will be delivered in strong wooden boxes and properly addressed; but when less than 1,000 are required, proper labels of direction must be placed upon each package by the contractor; the expense of the same under the direction of an agent of the Department.
The envelopes must be furnished in such quantities as may from time to time be required to fill orders of Postmasters at the Department, and be delivered at either at the Post Office in the city where the accepted bidder resides, or at the envelope agency, or at this Department, as the Postmaster-General may direct, free of cost for packing and delivery.
Bids are also invited for 60,000 envelopes, more or less, made from the best quality of white or buff paper, 4 by 9 1-10 inches, and to be printed in the manner prescribed by the Department, for use in the Dead Letter Office and at the Stamped Envelope Agency in the City of New-York. These envelopes, to be delivered in good order, free of cost for packing, both at the Agency in New-York and in the Department at Washington, D. C., in quantities as from time to time may be ordered.
Proposals will be considered for furnishing 250,000, more or less, annually, of "Registered Package Envelopes," 5 by 10½ inches, made from heavy buff or Manilla paper, with such printing on the face as may be required by the Postmaster-General, and STRIPED PINK CURCHINE LINE ENGRAVING, LENGTHWISE, IN RED, the same to be put up in pasteboard or straw boxes; each containing 200, and packed in wooden cases in quantities of 4,000 or 8,000 each, for delivery at the Department, or elsewhere, as may be directed, free of charge for packing.
All envelopes embraced in this advertisement required to be made at the Department, to be conveyed as freight, free of cost for transportation, those for delivery to Postmasters to pass as mail matter.
The first delivery of envelopes specified above to be made on or about the 1st of July next.
Specimens of the different kinds of envelopes for which proposals are invited may be seen on application at the principal Post Office, or at the Department.
Bidders are required to furnish specimens of the envelopes they propose to supply; and no bid will be considered unless offered by envelope manufacturers, or those of acknowledged business character.
The price bid and the quality of samples submitted will be taken into consideration in awarding the contract.
Bonds will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, and all payments under it will be made quarterly.
The Postmaster-General reserves the right to reject any or all bids, if deemed compatible with the public interests.
Bids must be indorsed "Proposals for Office and Returns Envelopes," &c., or "Proposals for Registered Package Envelopes," as the case may be, and addressed to the Third Assistant Postmaster-General. JOHN A. J. CRESWELL,
Postmaster-General.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR,
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12, 1869.
SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at this Bureau until 12 o'clock noon, of the 14th of June, for the purchase of the following-named iron-clad vessels:
The COHOES, the KOKA, the NAUSETT, the SUNCOOK, the WABASH and the YAZOO, lying at the United States Naval Station, League Island, Penn.
The CASCO and the CHIMO, lying at the United States Navy-yard, Washington, D. C.
The proposals will state the price that will be given for the vessels in their present condition, with such fittings as are now attached to them.
The vessels can be seen, and all necessary information concerning them will be given, on application to the Commandants of the Yard and Station.
The Department reserves the right to reject any and all of the proposals, if their acceptance is not to the interest of the Government.
The whole of the purchase money must be paid at the time of adjudication, and the vessels must be removed from the yards within two weeks from the day of sale.
The proposals must be indorsed "Proposals for Purchase of Iron-Clads."
ARMY BUILDING,
CORNER OF HOUSTON AND GREENE STS.,
NEW-YORK, April 22, 1869.
PROPOSALS, IN DUPLICATE, WILL be received by the undersigned until 1 o'clock P. M., TUESDAY, 25th instant, for the following subsistence stores, viz.:
100 barrels of Prime Mess Pork, one iron hoop on each end.
150 barrels of Flour, round hoops, full head lined.
1,000 pounds of smoked Bacon, packed in tierces.
50 dozen cans of Tomatoes, 2-pound cans.
25 dozen cans of Fresh Peaches, 2-pound cans.
500 pounds of Turkish Prunes, in 25-pound boxes.
These stores are required for immediate shipment. The manner of making bids and requirements of bidders, &c., same as stated in previous advertisements from this office. W. W. BURNS,
Bvt. Brig.-Gen'l & C. S., U. S. A.

LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT—CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW-YORK.—MICHAEL COLLINS, an infant, by HENRY COOPER, his guardian, Plaintiff, against MARGARET MCMAHON, TERENCE MCMAHON, JOHN J. FUCHSER, JOHN CHESTER and WILLIAM BERCHAM, Defendants.—Summons served.—For relief.—(Cons. not served.)—To the defendants above named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the amended complaint in this action, which was filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the City Hall in said City, on the 10th day of March, 1869, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said amended complaint on the subscriber, at his office, No. 144 Nassau-st., in said City, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and in case of your failure to answer said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.—Dated New-York, March 18, 1869.
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RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

CONFIRMATION BY BISHOP POTTER.

Dedication of the Church of St. Charles Borromeo, Brooklyn.

Abstracts of Sermons by Bishop Bedell, Rev. Dr. Chidlaw, Dr. Willis Lord, Rev. Mrs. Van Cott, "Uncle Joe Williams," Rev. Dr. Shaw, Rev. Leonard Bacon, &c.

Most of the pulpits of the Protestant churches in New-York and its suburban cities were filled yesterday by the delegates from abroad to the General Assemblies of the two branches of the Presbyterian Churches, now in session in this City. The announcements published yesterday morning of the names of those who were to preach caused most of the churches to be filled to overflowing. The TIMES had reporters at twenty-eight different churches, but the sermons in most instances were not of a character to interest our readers, and our abstracts this morning are of those discourses only which had some life and vigor in them. Most of the sermons were purely doctrinal, and contained nothing new in argument or illustration. The provincial and country ministers who filled the pulpits of the City yesterday, have not yet learned, as our City ministers have, to preach on vital subjects of current interest and importance, to draw their illustrations from the incidents and events of the day, and to preach upon those very matters which were uppermost in their hearers minds. The consequence was, that most of the sermons yesterday, awakened no sympathy in the minds or hearts of those who heard them, and the disappointment expressed was very general.

"Widow Van Cott."

Rev. Mrs. VAN COTT, commonly known as the "Widow VAN COTT," a local preacher, and the only female ever licensed to hold forth by the Methodist Episcopal Church, delivered a discourse at the Duane-street Methodist Episcopal Church last evening before a very large congregation. She took as her text the words of St. Paul to the Hebrews: "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering."

She said that she did not intend to deliver a sermon, for she was not a sermonizer, but simply to have a plain and earnest talk with those she saw around her. Accordingly, after briefly explaining the text, and referring to the conditions under which it was uttered by St. Paul, she gave an account of her own conversion while attending worship in the church in which she were then assembled. She was sitting, she said, in the third seat from the pulpit when Rev. JOHN PARKER made a remark about persons dying in sin, which she knew was intended for her. Shortly afterward she was invited to attend a class-meeting, but she declined, as she did not then believe it right for women to speak in meeting. She had got over all that, however, bravely, and she blessed the Lord, who had opened her eyes and led her to his bosom. That day she attended class-meeting, a fire was lighted up in her soul, and it had not yet died out, and it never would die. Before she was converted, she was as fond of pleasure and of all the sinful vanities of the world as any woman possibly can be. Now she had something better to think of, and she blessed God day and night for it. This was the substance of Mrs. VAN COTT's discourse; consisted of a relation of the manner in which she had brought, as she believed, several persons to Christ. She concluded by an earnest exhortation to all not to close their eyes in sleep until they had made their peace with God.

Mrs. VAN COTT received her license to preach last year from the Presiding Elder of the Ellenville District. She has been, during the past Winter, at Madalin, Dutchess County, and has taken an active part in many revivals. In person she is somewhat above the average height, and considerably above the average weight. She was dressed, last evening, in plain black silk, with a hat of the same material. Her countenance is round and rosy, and the expression one of good nature and contentment, but of intellect there appears to be but a moderate proportion. On ascending the pulpit last evening she read a portion of Scripture in a remarkably loud and distinct, but not very clear voice. She remarked, subsequently, that her voice had become "blunted" by constant use. Her manner of reading would be impressive had she not a tendency to place the emphasis on the wrong words. After reciting a hymn, she gave out her text and commenced her sermon, which lasted for nearly an hour. During this time she never stopped once or hesitated for a word. Her language is plain and idiomatic. No dictionary words are used, and consequently all understand her, and have no difficulty in comprehending her to the fullest extent. Her style of preaching may be described as the declamatory. There is no attempt whatever to argue or reason. Her appeals are made to the passions, and her illustrations are drawn from the scenes of every-day life. Her gestures are sufficiently expressive, but it is evident that her whole style of delivery is founded on the study of some particular model, and that it is not her natural style. Her powers of endurance appear to be equal to any emergency.

"Uncle Joe Williams."

Not the least remarkable man in the Old School Presbyterian Convention is one of the colored members from Georgia. At his home, which is the whole State, he is known by the familiar title of "Uncle JOE WILLIAMS." In the Assembly he is looked upon as one of the uncommon men of his race. He comes directly from Savannah, and labors as a missionary in the country under the direction of the Assembly's Freedmen's Committee. In his early years he was a slave, though not on General Cone's plantation as reported, and in 1848 bought his freedom for $850. He lived among Presbyterians of the strictest school and used to preach occasionally to the slaves, until his name became known throughout the greater part of Georgia. His earnestness was remarkable, and before long he held, and still holds, a wonderful influence over the blacks in his region. He came North for the first time last year, when the Assembly met at Albany, and there delivered a speech which qualified critics pronounced one of the best of these made at that Convention. Many anecdotes are current about him, illustrating his sagacity and good sense. He is said once to have cornered in a masterly manner a Southern Presbyterian minister after the war. The latter deplored the abolition of slavery. Uncle JOE replied: "You're a good Presbyterian; you believe in foreordination." "Yes." "Well, it was foreordained that we black folks should be slaves. Then we were made free; was not that foreordained too? You're a good Presbyterian, and must believe that." And the advocate of the doctrine was silenced.

Uncle JOE is an old man. His head is perfectly bald, and white whiskers line his furrowed cheeks. His voice is deep and clear; his countenance grave, except when speaking upon some favorite theme, of exhorting his hearers to follow the truth, when his face becomes animated and his eyes brighten. He preaches in a conversational and familiar way, but with uncommon effect. His gestures are few, and a certain grace accompanies the motion of his arms. No one could fail to be impressed with him, even at first sight. If he is remarkable for one thing more than another in his preaching, it is for the grand prayers he makes. All who hear him speak of this, and one can easily see how he takes such deep root in the affections of his people. Last evening Uncle WILLIAMS preached in Rev. Mr. OLIVER's chapel, No. 128 Laurens-street. He took for his text the third verse of the 126th Psalm: "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." He opened his remarks by saying that "there has been bitterness a great line drawn between the North and the South. You have been in one section, we in another. It was an impassable barrier, but now it is broken down, and for the first time I am able to worship with you. I speak in a plain way, and believe that if the people were more practical preachers, we should know the Lord better." Passing then to the occasion of the verse, and the Babylonish captivity, he broke out with the words: "But you know nothing about captivity. If I were among my own people I could describe the scene to come purpose; but to you, who have been free, it would prove weak." Speaking of the slaves' deliverance, he said, "it was a very great thing to be done, and none could have done it but a God." He had heard that during the war constant prayers went up from this City for the South. Those prayers had been answered in God's own time, and he answered them by the deliverance of that South. Mr. WILLIAMS then encouraged the congregation to enlarge its members and make its influence felt. He thought that the black man did not strive for his own elevation enough, and that he did not stand on his dignity as he ought. In the course of his remarks, which were full of illustration, he alluded to Presbyterianism. Nothing was better than its doctrines. Its creed was simply the Bible and common sense. Some people seem to be terribly afraid of it, and wish it might be different. Talked like an infidel who hated the Bible to such a degree that he dressed it up in the skin of an animal and then set his dog on it! But the truth is, Presbyterianism is simple and sound. The remainder of the preacher were listened to with profound attention. That humble house never echoed more earnest and eloquent words, if those of more elaborate finish have. Uncle JOE returns to the South next week.

Rutgers-Street Presbyterian Church.

A sermon was preached last night in the Rutgers-street Presbyterian Church, corner of Twenty-ninth-street and Madison-avenue, by Rev. C. C. DARLING, of Albany. The discourse suggested toleration toward all shades of biblical faith inasmuch as the reception of theological [illegible] were quoted of divines who possessed a great flow of humor, and why, we could not avoid frequently enforcing a point of religious duty with a gush of wit. Allowance, the speaker said, should therefore be made for all modes of expressing religious feeling, and that the faith of those given to such utterance might in the main, consist of [illegible] were made into several philosophical [illegible] and the congregation was entertained with a very interesting discourse.

Dedication of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Brooklyn.

The new Catholic Church of St. Charles Borromeo, in Sydney-place, near Joralemon-street, Brooklyn, was yesterday dedicated, with all the pomp pertaining to the Roman ritual, in the presence of a large congregation, made up of all denominations of Christians. The new edifice is built in the English Gothic style, of Philadelphia brick, trimmed with Belleville stone, and presents an exceedingly handsome appearance. It is 80 feet front by 175 feet in depth, and over its lofty nave rises a spire nearly 100 feet high from the roof. There are three front entrances and a [illegible] vestibule, the principal one of [illegible] marble and Caen stone, the table and pillars being of the former, and the mouldings of the latter material. On the centre panel is the bas-relief highly-finished representation of the entombment of our Saviour, and on the panels on either side are bas-reliefs of two angels, the left bearing the palm of victory, and St. Charles and St. Philomena. The upper part of the altar is a design of Gothic tracery in fretwork, and surmounting all are three statues, composed of zinc and other metals, each six feet in height, the centre and surrounding one being the Crucifixion, and on either side the Virgin Mother and Martha. The walls and ceiling of the sanctuary are beautifully frescoed, as the whole interior is also to be. The panels in the ceiling are hereafter to be filled with illustrations of scriptural history, the central one being the "Last Supper." The church will seat 1,400 people, and when completed will have cost about $75,000.

The dedicatory services began at 11 A. M., and consisted of the usual sprinkling of the walls, the procession of acolytes and ecclesiastics, and the recital of the Litany of the Saints—the dedicatory being Right Rev. Bishop LOUGHLIN. After the dedication proper was concluded, solemn high mass was begun, the celebrant being Rev. Father KEOGAN, of the Church of the Assumption, Brooklyn; deacon, Rev. P. DALEY, S. J., of St. John's College, Fordham; sub-deacon, Rev. Father McDONNALD, of St. Mary's Church, Williamsburg; master of ceremonies, Rev. Dr. GARDINER, of the Brooklyn Cathedral. The sermon was preached by Bishop LOUGHLIN, and was an elucidation of the divine commission given to the Apostles and of the Church to "teach all nations," unto the consummation of time, the truths which Christ imparted to his apostles. The musical services consisted of Rossini's Grand Mass Solennelle, rendered by the regular choir of the church, under the direction of Mr. W. Dean, the organist, with a powerful chorus and orchestral accompaniment. Previous to the sermon a *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, by MEYERBEER, and as an offertory selection, MERCADANTE'S *Quam Dilecta Tabernacula*, were rendered with great effect. During the processional the orchestra performed the celebrated "Marche du Sacre," by MEYERBEER, and the Priests' March, by MENDELSSOHN.

Rev. R. W. Chidlaw's Addresses to the Children.

Rev. Dr. R. W. CHIDLAW, Superintendent of the Farm School at Lancaster, Ohio, and one of the most successful and entertaining speakers to children in the Presbyterian Church, addressed the children at the Randall's Island House of Refuge yesterday morning, and at the Bethel, Brooklyn, in the evening.

At the chapel of the House of Refuge in the morning, 788 boys were in attendance, with their hair closely cropped. Half of these had been street vagrants, and the rest had been sent to the Island for petty delinquencies. The two divisions are kept separately. In the gallery were young men, from 18 to 18 years of age, also composed of former vagrants and petty delinquents. The chaplain of the institution, Rev. B. K. PIERCE, arranges his services in a manner not to fatigue the attention of his young hearers. The readings and discourses are short, and the singing frequent.

Mr. CHIDLAW took for his text the third chapter of Jeremiah and fourth verse: "Wilt thou not, from this time cry unto me, my Father? Thou art the guide of my youth." The speaker told his audience that if they purposed making a journey through a dark and dangerous forest, they would need a guide. Life was a similar journey, and they were passing through it, toward the great eternity beyond. They should therefore take a guide, and that the text afforded them. The speaker said that when a boy, he lived in a wooded district of Ohio, where men marked the barks of trees to direct the different paths. He, one dark night, not seeing those marks, lost his way, but a glimmering light finally guided him to a human habitation. He considered God the light of this corresponingly obscure universe. He urged upon his hearers to study the Bible, and the great arms of Jehovah would be thrown around them. He had once, in a whaleship, observed an old sailor teaching apprentices to box the compass. Laying his hand on the Bible, he said that was the compass, and requested everybody to box that. Mr. CHIDLAW was followed by Mr. FRANCIS, of Pittsburg, who told the story of Daniel in the lions' den as an illustration of the protection thrown by God around those who had faith in him.

The cost to the City of the inmates of the House of Refuge is estimated at 42 cents a day, or $2 90 a week each, including clothing, schooling, food, and interest on value of buildings. Their labor averages 26 cents a day, which pays, therefore, half of their expenses. The boys, in addition to four hours' daily schooling, work from six to seven hours at shoemaking, hoop-skirt making, wire weaving, and other work of various kinds. Contractors pay from 12 to 30 cents a day for the labor of each boy, and handsomely make money by them. Fifty of the girls work at hoop-skirt making, and the rest at housework or clothes mending.

At the Bethel Church, Hicks-street, near Fulton, Brooklyn, Rev. Mr. CHIDLAW delivered an interesting discourse, addressed mainly to Sabbath-school children. It was designed to impress upon them the necessity of studying the sacred Scriptures, and familiarizing themselves with the Divine commands therein contained, so that they might have an unfailing light to guide them through life, and make sure of an eternity of happiness hereafter. His address was colloquial in its character, and specially adapted to the minds of his young hearers. He illustrated the truths he wished to impress upon their minds by several appropriate anecdotes, mostly based on his personal experience as a missionary in the West, and spoke for some time much to the delight of his youthful auditors, and to the edification of the adults who listened to him. Rev. Mr. BURRY, of Tennessee, also engaged in the Sabbath-school exercise in the West, followed in a short address, which was listened to with marked attention. The proceedings were enlivened with singing by children from the Five Points House of Industry.

Ritualism—Sermon by Bishop Bedell.

Bishop BEDELL preached last evening at the Church of the Ascension, corner of Fifth-avenue and Tenth-street, his subject being "Ritualism and the sins to which it Leads." Selecting as his text the words of Christ, "But if the salt has lost its savor, it is henceforth good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under foot," he showed that the tendency of Ritualism in the Protestant Church, as it has been in the Romish Church was to bury the saving spirit, of Christianity beneath forms and ceremonies. The first step of the Church in her decline toward this point was the mere formality of prayer, consisting of bodily and lip service only, then the worship of saints, and lastly prayers to the Virgin. The worship of saints and adoration of the Virgin he characterized as idolatry, as much so as was the worship of any of the heathen gods. On most of the Catholic altars, he said, the Virgin had taken the place of Christ, and many even intelligent Catholics admit that Christ is so far above them as to make it unreasonable that he should condescend to listen to their petitions, while the Virgin mother, sympathizing with human nature, may lend a tender and more willing ear. In the Church of the Middle Ages men had to behold the offerings of the faithful, every one of which was hung before the shrine of Mary, and not one before the crucifix. He had been told by a gentleman that while in Rome he had been struck by the earnestness of a woman in the act of prayer before the image of the Virgin, and afterward learned that she was the wife of a brigand who had just started on a plundering expedition, and now she was praying that the Virgin would grant him success in consideration of receiving a part of the plunder. He, himself, had witnessed at the church of St. Peter's in Rome the Pope, with all his Cardinals and ecclesiastical attendants, march in solemn procession to the bronze statue of St. Peter, which had been copied from the statue of Jupiter, and, reverently kneeling, kiss the toe. He had seen the Pope himself at prayer in the midst of music sufficient to divert and enchain any human attention, and wondered how he could remain so solemnly abstracted, but the whole matter became clear to him when afterward he was informed that one of the first among the male singers executed his part with such exquisite execution, knowing that his Holiness was listening to every note. He had seen bones, and dust and other relicts being carefully labeled for transmission to the faithful in different parts of the world for their worship, and the most solemn of all the services he had witnessed in Rome was the worship of a beatification of which the Saviour is said to have wiped his brow as he staggered toward Calvary beneath his cross. The use of candles on the altar, the adornment of churches with pictures, votive offerings, the worship of saints, the adoration of the Virgin, and the worship of sacramental elements as the real body of Christ, he claimed to be the legitimate offspring of ritualism. Bowing down before pictures or statues, the adoration of saints or the Virgin, and worship of the sacramental elements he regarded as equally idolatrous with any known form in which that sin [illegible] Church of Christ. The Free Church of St. Ann's mentioned above will be opened for the first time for public service on Sunday next.

Christian Duty and Christian Joy—Sermon by Rev. Dr. Shaw, of Rochester.

Rev. Dr. SHAW, of Rochester, preached to a large congregation in the Lafayette-avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, last evening, taking as his text the following words: "Friend, go up higher."—St. Luke, xiv. 10. According to the practice of many Christians, so called, in our churches, nowadays, it would seem as if they desired to go to Heaven on flowery beds of ease. If they could escape all the duties and responsibilities of the Christian relation, avoid the discomforts or obstacles and hindrances in life, and somehow take out of this world without incurring the usual pain of dying—pass from this to another state of being after the manner of the prophet—if they could have their own way, and live and die in this way, how happy they would be. But they would not be Christians. Even if they were to get to heaven, and be made into angels, they would be greatly disappointed if the Master should send them to the lonely sepulchre of the dead to guard it; to the abode of the poor; to the chamber of the sick and dying; to prison; to those in bonds—because they had never done such Christian work on earth. Heaven, in such a case, would be no joy for them. It was evident, then, that those who called themselves by the name of Christ must go up higher in the work, the joy of the Church. All were asked to "go up higher." The command was that of a friend, and the inference was that there was room; it was a command. The Christian must, not may, go up higher. The Master also gave strength necessary for obeying the mandate. It inferred self-agency—going up, and something was to be left behind. He knew that many who had entered the Church were deeply disappointed, and Satan advised them to go back to the world; but if they wanted to know the sweets of Church Fellowship—of Christian communion, they must "go up higher." He heard of a minister in a city who aided in getting up a theatre—but then it was a first-class theatre; another minister got a bowling alley and a card room for his young men, and of course something must be done for the young women, so another minister he heard of undertook the management of a masquerade attended by many women of the city, and surely they needed managing; such were the efforts made to obtain happiness, but it needed a great painstaking to see that such joys were merely for the world, and that such men must, if they would do their work, "go up higher." This world could not be expected to furnish the highest happiness—the utmost possible gratification of which the soul was susceptible; to attain to that they must "go up higher." The Christian could reach that state where nothing could come between him and the love of Christ, and this was the advantage to be derived from obeying the mandate of the Master—"Friend, go up higher."

Lecture to Young Men by Rev. Dr. Corey.

It would be impossible to do justice in a brief space to Rev. Dr. COREY's admirable lecture to young men, delivered last night in the Murray Hill Baptist Chapel, Lexington-avenue, near Thirty-seventh-street. The subject was Lying, and the text was, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." Exodus, xx., 16. The lecturer quoted various definitions of lying, and said there are some men who have maintained that lying is sometimes justifiable. PALEY's declarations are that falsehoods are not lies when addressed to persons who have no right to know the truth; as when you tell a lie to a madman for his own good; or to a robber, or to an assassin to defeat his criminal intents. He quoted a lengthy extract from a reply by Rev. H. W. BEECHER to a lady who wrote inquiring if it were proper under any circumstances to tell a lie, in which Mr. BEECHER expressed lying in every shape; but at the same time held it down that a man was not bound always to tell the whole truth—in other words, that a man has the right to hold his tongue. But however schoolmen and fathers and philosophers differ on this matter, said the lecturer, there are some points on which they have a uniform harmony. All admit that lying is absolutely prohibited by the Word of God. He proceeded to give several instances from Scripture of God's punishment of lying. He quoted from Lord Bacon, Addison and Dr. Jonnson to show how the learned and philosophers men condemn lying. Lying said the lecturer, is destructive to the dearest interests of mankind. The commercial calamities that fall on nations, great cities and individuals, grow out of intentional misrepresentations. I might heap up illustrations to show that the temporal woes that fall upon the race are bottomed somewhere by a lie. But the temporal calamities which result from lying are nothing compared with those of a spiritual character. Think of all the miseries that men have suffered for nearly six thousand years. They all grew out of the lie that was told by the devil to our first parents when he told them "ye shall not surely die." In conclusion, he exhorted young men to start in life with this principle, "always tell the truth."

Fourth-Street Presbyterian Church—Sermon by Rev. Dr. Wing.

The pulpit of the comparatively new Presbyterian Church in Fortieth-street, near Lexington-avenue, was occupied by Rev. Dr. WING yesterday morning, who preached a sermon from the text, "And to I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done: this is also vanity." After speaking of the evils sure to befall those who ignorantly gave themselves up to licentious habits without ever appearing to seek to come to God, he said that their sin was less than that of those who surrounded with good influences, and recognizing the duties that God imposed upon them, yet failed to keep his commandments. There were many men who went regularly to church on the Sabbath-day and listened to the instructions of the preacher—who were not accessory of crime, and were received unquestioned in the society of their fellow-men—who yet willfully and knowingly committed offences which God had expressly forbidden. These men, though their misdeeds might be less heinous than those of men who were pointed at as great criminals, were yet more culpable than many of these. Lazarus died and was taken to Abraham's bosom, while his body, perhaps, did not receive a decent burial, and was given to the dogs. But how much to be preferred was such a fate as his before that of the rich man, who during life was held in high estimation, and died on a bed of down, but whose soul was consigned to everlasting infamy. Heathenism in a Christian land was inexcusable. The sins of those who had not the Gospel were more venial than the offences of those who had brought up under its benign influences, and refused to be guided by its precepts. Even among men the good were remembered through their good works after they were dead, while evil-doers, no matter how high in place, were consigned to oblivion. The closing exhorting his hearers to live in accordance with the injunctions of the Holy Word, pursuing the paths of pleasantness and peace that lead to a blessed immortality.

Fourteenth-street Presbyterian Church—Sermon by Rev. Dr. Canfield.

Rev. Dr. CANFIELD, of Syracuse, preached at this church yesterday morning, taking as his text the eleventh verse of the third chapter of Ecclesiastes—"He hath made everything beautiful in his time; also He hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end." The reverend gentleman commenced by saying that according to the best scholars the latter part of the text should be translated by the word "eternity." That the wise son of David could have had no proper conception of eternity was impossible; and it was quite evident, indeed, from the latter part of the chapter in which the text occurs, that this was his meaning. The preacher then spoke of the beauty and order of the universe, which attracted the attention even of the heathen, and caused them to designate it as the *cosmos* or *mundus*. But God has set the world in our hearts so that we cannot find out the work He does. Although much has been revealed, much that God does is still incomprehensible to us. We cannot understand why He allows the wicked to flourish, or the evil-doer to increase and grow fat. But this should not by any means lessen our faith in God's omnipotence or in His love for those who do His will. He permitted the early Christians to be persecuted even unto death, but who shall say that no good has resulted therefrom. The blood of the martyrs has been the seed of the Church.

The reverend gentleman concluded by showing that as our eyes cannot penetrate the veil God chooses to cast around Him, that, therefore, it is necessary to have faith and to believe that all things are working together for our good.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Saturday, May 22—1 P. M.

Consols closed at 93¼ for money, and 93¼ for the account. United States Five-twenties quiet at 79¾. Railway Stocks steady; Erie, 19¼; Illinois Central, 94½.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday, May 21—1 P. M.

COTTON—The market closed dull at the following quotations:

Middling Uplands	11¼d.
Middling Orleans	11¾d.

The sales of the day foot up 7,000 bales.

BREADSTUFFS—Flour and Corn have advanced to 27s. ⅌ cwt. Other articles unchanged.

PROVISIONS—Cheese has advanced to 62s. ⅌ cwt. Other articles quiet and unchanged.

PRODUCE—Petroleum spirits declined to 6½d. ⅌ gallon; Refined steady. Turpentine, 27s. 3d.

LONDON, Saturday, May 22—4 P. M.

All articles in the Produce and Provision Markets closed without alteration in prices and quotations.

HAVRE, Saturday, May 22.

COTTON—The market opened quiet for both stock on spot and afloat; on spot, 140f.

LONDON, Saturday, May 22—11 A. M.

Consols opened at 93¼ for money and the account. United States Five-twenties opened firm at 79¾. Railway stocks opened quiet. Erie Railway shares, 19¾; Illinois Central Railway shares, 94½.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday, May 22—11 A. M.

COTTON—The market opened dull at the closing quotations of last night. Middling Uplands, 11¼d.; Middling Orleans, 11¾d. The sales of the day are estimated at 10,000 bales.

BREADSTUFFS, PROVISIONS and PRODUCE—The markets opened without any alteration of the closing prices of last night.

LONDON, Saturday, May 22—3 P. M.

SUGAR—The market for stock afloat opened buoyant at 36s. 6d., on spot, 36s. 6d.

LONDON, Saturday, May 22—5 P. M.

Tallow is quoted at 43s. 6d.

LONDON, Saturday, May 22.

Petroleum quiet, Standard White, 2½d.

FRANKFORT, Saturday, May 22—Evening.

United States Bonds are dealt in at 88½ for the old issue.

PARIS, Saturday, May 22—Evening.

The Bourse is quiet; Rentes, 71f. 65c.

HAVRE, Saturday, May 22—Evening.

Cotton closes dull and unchanged for both on spot and afloat.

FRANKFORT, Sunday, May 23.

American bonds dull; Five-twenties are quoted at 88½ for the issue of 1865.

HAVANA, Sunday, May 23.

The following is the report of the Havana markets for the week ending Saturday: SUGAR—Stock in market in Havana and Matanzas, 202,000 boxes, 5,000 boxes of the crop from Havana and Matanzas, to January 1, 1870, leaving 1,000 hhds.; to the United States, 11,000 boxes. All qualities have slightly declined; there was been a little speculative inquiry, but the transactions for the week have been limited. We have reached down yesterday as the following quotations: Nos. 10 to 12 Dutch Standard dull at 8½@8¾ rials, and Nos. 15 to 20 at 9¼ rials ⅌ arroba. Molasses Sugar firm at 6½@7¼, rials. Molasses—Clayed quiet at 3¾@4 rials. MOLASSES—Clayed quiet at 7¼@8¼ rials. MOLASSES—Clayed active at 6¾@7¼ rials, and Muscovado buoyant at 7¼@8 rials ⅌ arroba. LARD steady at 8¾@9 rials ⅌ 100 lbs. BUTTER dull at 8c. ⅌ lb. TALLOW buoyant at 10½@10½c. ⅌ lb. WAX quiet; Yellow, 27 rials ⅌ arroba. FLOUR—Demand steady. POTATOES dull at 6@7 rials ⅌ bbl. HAMS steady at 7½c. ⅌ lb. Ice: Dry Boston Lumber in demand. SHOOKS for boxes buoyant at 12 rials; for hogsheads steady at 62½@65 rials. Empty Hogsheads steady at 62½@65 rials. PROVISIONS—Salted pork refuses to change, owing to high prices of flour; rates unchanged. EXCHANGES on London, 11½@12½ premium; on Paris, 7½@7 ⅌ cent. discount; on United States, 60 days' sight, in gold, 4½@4¾ ⅌ cent. premium; short sight, 12@½ premium; 60 days' sight, in currency, 30½@32½ discount.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

BUFFALO, Saturday, May 22.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 15,000 bbls.; Oats, 15,000 bushels; Corn, 18,000 bushels. SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 36,000 bushels; Oats, 10,000 bushels; Oats, 20,000 bushels. FREIGHTS brisker; Wheat, 3¾c.; Corn, 1½c.; Oats, 1¼c. to New-York. FLOUR dull; sales 300 bbls. No. 1 City-ground Spring at $6; 800 bbls. of Western-bakers at $5 50; 100 bbls. of Rye at $4 50. WHEAT dull and nominally lower; sales 12,000 bushels No. 2 Chicago at about $1 25; 15,000 bushels No. 2 Milwaukee Club at $1 28. CORN scarce and firm; sales 20,000 bushels Ellwood, mixed, at 78c. OATS firm; sales 10,000 bushels New No. 1 at 70c., and 20,000 bushels of New, in lots, at 66c.@70c.; the advance is attributed to the light stock. CANAL FREIGHTS—Wheat, 3¾c. to Albany. RYE dull; sales 14,000 bushels Western at 90c. BARLEY dull; sales 1,000 bushels Canadian at $1 40, delivered. BARLEY—Malting quiet and firm; sales 1,000 bushels Canadian at $1 45